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GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA

ABSTRACT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL

GRAND LODGE

OF THE

MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY

OF

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF PENNSYLVANIA

AND

MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING

BEING EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF ITS QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL
GRAND COMMUNICATIONS

DURING THE YEAR A.D. 1905—A.L. 5905

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R. W. Grand Master,

1836.



Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, March 1, A.D. 1905, A.L. 5905.

PRESENT:

BRO. JAMES W. BROWN . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
" GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR. . .	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
" GEORGE B. ORLADY . . .	<i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
" JOHN L. KINSEY . . .	} <i>Acting R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
" WILLIAM B. HACKENBURG . . .	
" WILLIAM A. SINN . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
" JOHN A. PERRY . . .	<i>Deputy Grand Secretary.</i>
" MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON . . .	} <i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i>
" WILLIAM J. KELLY . . .	
" EDGAR A. TENNIS . . .	
" JOHN W. LANSINGER . . .	} <i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i>
" WILLIAM L. GORGAS . . .	
" SAMUEL M. GOODYEAR . . .	
" GEORGE H. SHIRK . . .	
" DAVID H. WEAVER . . .	
" THADDEUS S. ADLE . . .	
" ADAM H. SCHMEHL . . .	
" AARON R. TRUMBOWER . . .	
" MATTHEW M. MACMILLAN . . .	}
" WILLIAM D. WHITE . . .	
" THOMAS F. WELLS . . .	

Bro. WILLIAM H. HULSIZER . . .	}	<i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i>
" JAMES WILSON PIATT . . .		
" HOWARD F. MARSH . . .		
" JAMES A. PUGH . . .		
" EZRA C. DOTY . . .		
" BOYD G. STEEL . . .		
" WILSON I. FLEMING . . .		
" WILLIAM B. MEREDITH . . .		
" WILLIAM M. HAMILTON . . .		
" JAMES W. McDOWELL . . .		
" GEORGE H. QUAILL . . .		
" JAMES HARRIS MUSSINA . . .		
" JOHN W. FARNSWORTH . . .		
" JOHN J. JONES . . .		
" RICHARD E. COCHRAN . . .		
" GEORGE B. FRANTZ . . .		
" WILLIAM B. CHALFANT, D.D. . . .	}	<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
" CHARLES H. BOND . . .		
" GEORGE W. MACLAUGHLIN, D.D. . . .		
" FRANK P. LYNCH, D.D. . . .		
" SAMUEL P. KELLY . . .		
" GEORGE B. WELLS . . .		<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
" CHARLES K. BEECHER . . .		<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
" ALFRED E. BURNAFORD . . .	}	<i>Grand Stewards.</i>
" FRANCESCO B. GILBERT . . .		
" WILLIAM J. DIEHL . . .		<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
" GEORGE J. VANDEGRIFT . . .		<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
" CHARLES S. BAIR . . .		<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
" SAMUEL W. WRAY . . .		<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

One hundred and forty-nine Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 7 o'clock P.M.

Copies of proposed By-Laws and copies of proposed Amendments to By-Laws were received from a number of Lodges and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The preamble and resolution offered at the Quarterly Communication held December 7, A.D. 1904, A.L. 5904, relative to paying off Grand Lodge four per cent. Masonic Loans, which was referred to the Committee of Seventeen on Masonic Homes, and by that Committee to the Committee on Finance, and reported on by the Committee on Finance at the Annual Grand Communication held December 27, A.D. 1904, A.L. 5904, was, by direction of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, referred back to the Committee on Finance, to be reported on at the Quarterly Communication to be held in December next.

The Committee on Landmarks, in relation to the subject of electioneering, reported progress.

The following recommendation, attached to the report of the Committee on Finance, was, on motion, adopted:

Your Committee would respectfully report, that its consideration of the resolution to appropriate \$3000 for the purpose of marking, with bronze memorial tablets, appropriately inscribed, the several places of meeting of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons, since the year 1730, has resulted unfavorably to the original motion.

The reasons for this adverse action are, that the sites are scattered to such an extent that any one tablet would not acquaint people with the entire history of the movements of our body, and the general surroundings of the former meeting-places, in many cases, have changed so completely in appearance, and especially in character, since the Grand Lodge convened in those localities, that they would not be sufficiently noticed by strangers to be of any special significance; permission for locating the tablets would also have to be secured from present owners of the sites, and the stability of the tablets would be in jeopardy when-

ever new tenants entered the properties or the ownership changed. If tablets were erected, it would be necessary to keep them in uniform condition, or else the expenditure would not be desirable or satisfactory in its results, and, in view of the conditions mentioned, it is the opinion of your Committee that they would not remain uniform.

Your Committee would, however, call attention to the fact that the Committee on Library, which had this work in charge, has performed a very useful service in locating your places of meeting, and submit the proposition that a permanent record, embodying this information, be made, by means of a large and imposing tablet, of an enduring material, to be erected on the outside of the present Temple, in a prominent position, in the form of a map, showing the localities formerly occupied by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and properly marked to correspond with a description of the localities, which could be shown on other portions of the tablet.

This would be a desirable record of the movements of the Grand Lodge since its formation, and also would be of historic interest. The map feature would be especially advisable, and it is thought could be carried out successfully from the fact that the territory covered is located in that portion of Philadelphia between the Delaware River, Broad Street, Spruce Street, and Spring Garden Street.

This suggestion is offered, and, if favorably considered, it is recommended that the matter be referred to the Committee on Library, with authority to arrange for such a memorial tablet; but before proceeding with the work, to submit the result of their deliberations for approval of the Grand Lodge, the expenditure not to exceed \$2000.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

MAX RIEBENACK,
AZARIAH W. HOOPES,
EZRA S. BARTLETT,
FRANK M. HIGHLEY,
WILLIAM McCONWAY,

Committee on Finance.

March 1, 1905.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

The Committee on By-Laws made the following report, and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons :

Your Committee on By-Laws respectfully report that they have examined the By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws referred to them, and offer the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 519 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 194 be amended as follows :

Article VIII., Section 2.—By striking out “immediately succeeding the election,” and inserting in lieu thereof the words, “next preceding St. John the Evangelist’s Day.”

Article VIII., Section 3.—By striking out “succeeding the annual election,” and inserting in lieu thereof the words, “preceding St. John the Evangelist’s Day.”

And that as so amended they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 357 be amended as follows :

Article VII., Section 2.—By inserting in the sixth line, after “securities,” the words “when the same is the first encumbrance.”

And that as so amended they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 417 be amended as follows :

Article III., Section 3.—By striking out all after “Forty Dollars.”

Article VIII.—By striking out the words “in the order.”

Article XII., Section 1.—By striking out the words “and Honorary Members.” By making the present Article IX.,

Article XII., and numbering the succeeding Articles to correspond.

And that as so amended they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 131, 228, 232, 265, 286, 375, 385, 450, 475, and 522 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 52, 461, and 485 be approved, and that said Lodges be directed to further amend their By-Laws to conform to the Rules and Regulations of Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 296 be not approved.

Resolved, That of the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 482, Article VI., Sections 1 and 4, be approved, and Article III., Section 3, be not approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 631 be amended as follows :

Article XII., Section 1.—By striking out “in the same manner as,” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “under the same regulations as govern.”

Article XII., Section 3.—By striking out “what money is,” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “such portion of said income as may be.”

And that as so amended they be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES CARY,
JAMES S. BARBER,
CHARLES F. WIGNALL,
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
SYLVESTER S. GARWOOD,
Committee on By-Laws.

PHILADELPHIA, March 1, 1905.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PRINTING AND PUBLISHING.

The Committee on Printing and Publishing made the following report; when, on motion, the request attached thereto was granted:

PHILADELPHIA, February 28, 1905.

To the R. W. Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge:

BRETHREN,—Your Committee on Printing and Publishing report that the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the year 1904 have been printed, and the Grand Secretary, Brother WILLIAM A. SINN, has been issuing the same since February 24 to the various Lodges in this Jurisdiction.

The volume contains three portraits in addition to the engraving of the Masonic Temple as the frontispiece.

The portraits consist of that of the present R. W. Grand Master Brother JAMES W. BROWN; of the late R. W. Junior Grand Warden Brother CHARLES M. SWAIN, and of R. W. Past Grand Master Brother SAMUEL H. PERKINS, who presided over the Grand Lodge in 1839-40.

The volume reflects much credit upon the printers that performed the work.

The next portraits in the regular order, to be published in the proceedings for the year 1905, will be that of R. W. Past Grand Masters Brother TRISTRAM B. FREEMAN, who presided in the Grand Lodge in 1836, and Brother JOHN M. READ, in the years 1837-38.

Your Committee respectfully asks the Grand Lodge the privilege of placing the work of engraving these portraits in the hands of proper persons for execution.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted for the Committee,

M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ.

A communication was read from H. W., formerly a member of late Lodge No.—, requesting Grand

Lodge to restore him to good Masonic standing. He having paid to Grand Lodge the amount of his arrears to late Lodge No.—, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That his request be granted.

A petition was received for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be held at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, which was, on motion, referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A petition was received for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be held at Alliance, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, which was, on motion, referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A petition was received for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be held at Monessen, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, which was, on motion, referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

Brother CHARLES W. SPARHAWK, Past Master of Lodge No. 51, offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Temple :

Resolved, That the Committee on Temple be and are hereby directed to obtain and submit to this Grand Lodge, at the Quarterly Communication to be held in June next, plans and estimates from not less than five competent architects or engineers for a system of ventilation of the Temple, and that invitations for such plans and estimates shall not be limited to architects and engineers residing in the State of Pennsylvania.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master stated that Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden Brother GEORGE W. GUTHRIE was unable to be present at

this Communication of Grand Lodge, as he had not yet returned from Europe.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 8 o'clock 10 minutes P.M.

William A. Sinn
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, June 7, A.D. 1905, A.L. 5905.

PRESENT:

Bro. JAMES W. BROWN . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
“ GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR. . .	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
“ GEORGE B. ORLADY . . .	<i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
“ GEORGE W. GUTHRIE . . .	<i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
“ THOMAS R. PATTON . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ WILLIAM A. SINN . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
“ JOHN A. PERRY . . .	<i>Deputy Grand Secretary.</i>
“ WILLIAM J. KELLY . . .	<i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i>
“ EDGAR A. TENNIS . . .	
“ JOHN W. LANSINGER . . .	<i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i>
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“ JAMES WILSON PIATT . . .	
“ JAMES A. PUGH . . .	
“ EZRA C. DOTY . . .	
“ WILLIAM B. MEREDITH . . .	
“ WILLIAM M. HAMILTON . . .	

Bro. JAMES W. McDOWELL . . .	}	
" JAMES HARRIS MUSSINA . . .	}	
" JOHN W. FARNSWORTH . . .	}	
" JOHN D. GOFF	}	<i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i>
" FRANK C. O'ROURKE . . .	}	
" SAMUEL HAMILTON	}	
" RICHARD E. COCHRAN . . .	}	
" GEORGE B. FRANTZ	}	
" J. GRAY BOLTON, D.D. . . .	}	
" CHARLES H. BOND	}	<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
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" JOHN L. KINSEY		<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
" SIMON B. CAMERON		<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
" ALFRED E. BURNAFORD . . .	}	
" GEORGE B. FRANTZ	}	<i>Grand Stewards.</i>
" WILLIAM J. DIEHL		<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
" GEORGE J. VANDEGRIFT . . .		<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
" CHARLES S. BAIR		<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
" SAMUEL W. WRAY		<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

One hundred and thirty-five Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 7 o'clock 5 minutes P.M.

Copies of proposed By-Laws and proposed Amendments to By-Laws were received from a number of Lodges and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

A communication was read from Lodge No. —, requesting Grand Lodge to remove the expulsion of T. K. D., who was expelled June 7, 1867, which was, on motion, granted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. —, requesting Grand Lodge to remove the suspension of J. W. E., who was suspended August 6, 1873, for un-masonic conduct, which was, on motion, granted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. —, requesting Grand Lodge to grant it permission to receive from H. Q. W. an application for permission to present a fourth petition for initiation and membership, which was, on motion, granted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. —, requesting Grand Lodge to grant it permission to receive from J. C. B. an application for permission to present a fourth petition for initiation and membership, which was, on motion, granted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. —, requesting Grand Lodge to grant it permission to receive from J. J. K. a second application for permission to present a third petition for initiation and membership, which was, on motion, granted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

The Committee on By-Laws made the following report, and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons :

Your Committee on By-Laws respectfully report that they have examined the By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws referred to them and offer the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 22 be amended as follows :

Article III., Section 2.—By striking out the words “he shall also pay all orders drawn upon him by a majority of the Committee of Charity.”

Article VI., Section 1.—By striking out the words “by vote of the Lodge or.”

Article VIII., Section 2.—By striking out the words “are hereby authorized,” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “may request the Worshipful Master.”

Article IX., Section 2.—By striking out the words “and their successors and assigns.”

And that as so amended they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 270 be amended as follows :

Article III., Section 4.—By inserting after the word “security” the words “in favor of the Worshipful Master for the use of the Lodge.”

And that as so amended they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 323, together with the addition made at the stated meeting March 7, 1905, be approved, and that said Lodge be directed to reverse the numbering of Articles XI. and XII.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 383 be amended as follows :

Article I., Section 1.—By striking out the words “annual meeting,” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “stated meeting in December.”

Article V., Section 1.—By striking out, in the fourth line, \$10, and inserting in lieu thereof \$40.

By changing the number of Article VIII. to Article XII., and numbering the succeeding Articles to correspond.

And that as so amended they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 440 be amended as follows :

Article X., Section 2.—By striking out the words “the night of,” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “at the stated meeting next succeeding the annual.”

By making Section 5 of Article X. a new Article, to be num-

bered XI., and changing the numbers of the other Articles to correspond.

And that as so amended they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 530 be amended as follows :

Article XI., Section 2.—By striking out the words “or such as shall be recommended by the Trustees and approved by the Lodge,” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “or such securities as are or may be sanctioned by law as a proper investment for Trust funds.”

And that as so amended they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 633 be amended as follows :

Article III., Section 3.—By striking out all after the word “receive,” and inserting in lieu thereof the words “twelve dollars per annum.”

And that as so amended they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 3, 9, 59, 61, 164, 211, 221, 253, 282, 296, 487, 525, 557, 573, 583, 611, and 625 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 21 be amended as follows :

Law V., Section 1.—By striking out \$85, and inserting in lieu thereof \$75, and that said Lodge be directed to further amend its By-Laws to conform to the Rules and Regulations of Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 352 and 496 be approved, and that said Lodges be directed to further amend their By-Laws to conform to the Rules and Regulations of Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of

Lodge 437 be approved, and that said Lodge be directed to reverse the numbering of Articles XII. and XIII.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 450 be approved, and that said Lodge be directed to amend Article IV., Section 1, of its By-Laws to correspond with these Amendments.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 464 be amended as follows :

Article V., Section 1.—By striking out \$85 and inserting in lieu thereof \$75.

And that as so amended they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 380 be amended as follows :

Article X., Section 5.—By striking out the words, “except for the purpose of paying the indebtedness of the Lodge to the Grand Lodge.”

And that as so amended they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 616 be *not* approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 629 be amended as follows :

Article IX., Section 1.—By striking out \$90 and inserting in lieu thereof \$75.

And that as so amended they be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES CARY,
JAMES S. BARBER,
CHARLES F. WIGNALL,
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
SYLVESTER S. GARWOOD,

Committee on By-Laws.

PHILADELPHIA, June 7, 1905.

The Committee on Landmarks, in relation to the subject of electioneering, reported progress.

The resolution offered by Brother CHARLES W. SPARHAWK, Past Master of Lodge No. 51, at the Quarterly Communication held March 1, 1905, relative to ventilation and referred to the Committee on Temple, was brought before Grand Lodge, and by vote was not adopted.

An appeal was received from Brother H. R. M., of Lodge No.—, appealing from the action of Lodge No.—, in the matter of charges preferred against Brother M. G. H., which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Appeals.

A communication was read from D. C. H., formerly a member of late Lodge No.—, requesting Grand Lodge to restore him to good Masonic standing. He having paid to Grand Lodge the amount of his arrears to late Lodge No.—, it was, on motion,

. *Resolved*, That his request be granted.

A petition was received for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be held at St. Marys, Elk County, Pennsylvania, which was, on motion, referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A petition was received for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be held at East Brady, Clarion County, Pennsylvania, which was, on motion, referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A petition was received for a Warrant for a new

Lodge to be held at McKeesport, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, which was, on motion, referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 8 o'clock 35 minutes P.M.

William A. Sinn
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, September 6, A.D. 1905, A.L. 5905.

PRESENT:

Bro. JAMES W. BROWN . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
“ GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR. . .	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
“ GEORGE W. GUTHRIE . . .	{ <i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden, Acting R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. MEREDITH . . .	
“ WILLIAM B. HACKENBURG . . .	{ <i>D. D. Grand Master, Acting R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
“ WILLIAM A. SINN . . .	
“ JOHN A. PERRY . . .	<i>Deputy Grand Secretary.</i>
“ WILLIAM J. KELLY . . .	<i>R. W. Past Grand Master.</i>
“ WILLIAM L. GORGAS . . .	{ <i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i>
“ THADDEUS S. ADLE . . .	
“ ADAM H. SCHMEHL . . .	
“ CHARLES S. VANDEGRIFT . . .	
“ WILLIAM M. SEMPLE . . .	
“ AARON R. TRUMBOWER . . .	
“ MATTHEW M. MACMILLAN . . .	
“ WILLIAM D. WHITE . . .	
“ THOMAS F. WELLS . . .	
“ JAMES A. PUGH . . .	
“ EZRA C. DOTY . . .	
“ WILSON I. FLEMING . . .	
“ WILLIAM F. CULLIS . . .	

Bro. DAVID A. SAWDEY . . .	}	<i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i>
" ADRIAN W. MCCOY . . .		
" WILLIAM B. MEREDITH . . .		
" JOHN D. CARR . . .		
" JAMES H. MUSSINA . . .		
" JOHN W. FARNSWORTH . . .		
" JOHN D. GOFF . . .		
" FRANK C. O'ROURKE . . .		
" WILLIAM H. MAXWELL . . .		
" GEORGE B. FRANTZ . . .		
" EDGAR W. ROBINSON . . .	}	<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
" RICHARD H. WHARTON . . .		
" CHARLES H. BOND . . .		
" GEORGE W. MACLAUGHLIN, D.D. . . .		
" SAMUEL P. KELLY . . .	}	<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
" HIBBERT P. JOHN . . .		
" SIMON B. CAMERON . . .	}	<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
" JOHN D. GOFF . . .		
" FRANCESCO B. GILBERT . . .	}	<i>Grand Stewards.</i>
" GEORGE B. WELLS . . .		
" GEORGE J. VANDEGRIFT . . .	}	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
" CHARLES S. BAIR . . .		
" SAMUEL W. WRAY . . .		
		<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
		<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
		<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

One hundred and thirty-two Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 7 o'clock 10 minutes P.M.

Copies of proposed By-Laws and proposed Amendments to By-Laws were received from a number of Lodges and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

A communication was read from Lodge No. —, requesting Grand Lodge to grant it permission to receive from S. L. F. a second application for permission to present a third petition for initiation and membership, which was, on motion, granted.

REPORT OF RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND SECRETARY.

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons :

The Grand Secretary herewith presents his annual report of the membership and the number of Lodges in this Masonic Jurisdiction for the year ending December 27, A.D. 1904, A.L. 5904 :

Number of Lodges December 27, 1903	.	.	447
Lodges constituted during the year 1904	.	.	1
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Number of Lodges December 27, 1904	.	.	448
Membership of Lodges December 27, 1903	.	.	67,706
Admitted during the year 1904	.	.	575
Initiated during the year 1904	.	.	5,104
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			5,679
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			73,385
Suspended and expelled during 1904	.	.	514
Resigned during 1904	.	.	470
Deceased during 1904	.	.	1,152
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			2,136
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Membership December 27, 1904	.	.	71,249
Membership December 27, 1903	.	.	67,706
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Net increase during the year 1904	.	..	3,543

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM A. SINN,
Grand Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, September 6, 1905.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

The Committee on Appeals made the following report, and the resolution attached thereto was adopted :

PHILADELPHIA, September 6, 1905, A.L. 5905.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons :

In the matter of the appeal of Brother H. R. M. from the action of Lodge No. —, the Committee on Appeals respectfully report :

On March 14, 1905, Brother M., a member of Lodge No. —, of —, preferred charges against Brother M. W. H., a member of Lodge No. —, of —, "for gross unmasonic conduct in having slandered the character of a Brother Master Mason, using blasphemous, slanderous, and unmasonic language against him, and for casting a black ball against a Brother Master Mason for revenge, malice, and spite."

The charges, properly prepared, were presented at that meeting and referred to a Committee for investigation, to report at the next stated meeting of the Lodge if a trial were necessary. At the meeting April 11, 1905, the Committee reported that a trial was not necessary, which report was adopted. In what way or for what reason the Committee arrived at this remarkable conclusion it is impossible to imagine ; there appears to be no record of their having held a meeting, no evidence was heard, nor was any effort made for an investigation as to the truth or warrant for the charges, which certainly were of sufficient importance, affecting as they did the character and standing of a Brother Master Mason, to have justified the Lodge in sending them to a Trial Committee to hear testimony and in a proper and lawful manner arrive at the guilt or innocence of the accused. The Brother who preferred them should have been heard, as was his right, and given ample opportunity to present his evidence to substantiate his accusation, instead of treating them in this short, off-hand manner.

Without entering into any discussion of the charges, the Com-

mittee on Appeals believe that they should have been referred to a Trial Committee for a full investigation, in accordance with the requirements of the Ahiman Rezon, Article XXII., pages 69, 70, and offer the following :

Resolved, That the appeal of Brother H. R. M., of Lodge No. —, from the action of Lodge No. —, be sustained ; that the charges preferred by him against Brother M. W. H. be remitted to that Lodge with directions to the Worshipful Master that he appoint a Trial Committee to proceed with a proper investigation of the charges as required by the Ahiman Rezon.

Fraternally submitted for the Committee,

WILLIAM B. HACKENBURG,

Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

The Committee on By-Laws made the following report, and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons :

Your Committee on By-Laws respectfully report that they have examined the By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws referred to them, and offer the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 474, with the addition made June 13, 1905, be approved, and that Section 2 of Article V. be made Article XII., and the other Articles numbered to correspond.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 108, 397, and 637 be returned to said Lodges with instructions to provide for a Permanent Fund.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 634 be returned to the Lodge for revision.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 223, 360, 441, 443, 451, 487, 517, 543, 561, and 632 be approved.

Resolved, That of the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 135, the Amendment to Article XIII. be not approved.

That Article II., Section 3, be amended by striking out the words "or a District Deputy Grand Master."

And that as so amended they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 496 be amended as follows :

Article V., new Section 2.—By striking out all after the word "any."

And that as so amended they be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

CHARLES CARY,
JAMES S. BARBER,
CHARLES F. WIGNALL,
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
SYLVESTER S. GARWOOD,

Committee on By-Laws.

PHILADELPHIA, September 2, 1905.

An appeal was received from Brother J. E. S., of Lodge No. —, appealing from the action of said Lodge in the matter of charges preferred against Brother S. M. T., which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

An appeal was received from A. D., formerly a member of Lodge No. —, appealing from the action of said Lodge in expelling him, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Brother GEORGE S. GRAHAM, Past Master of Harmony Lodge, No. 52, addressed Grand Lodge in an eloquent manner, and on behalf of said Lodge No. 52, presented a life size oil painting of our late Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother GEORGE E. WAGNER, who was a Past Master of Harmony Lodge, No. 52.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master, with appropriate remarks, accepted the painting and tendered the thanks of Grand Lodge for the kindness expressed by Harmony Lodge, No. 52, in such a valuable gift; and turned it over to the Committee on Temple to be given a suitable place in the Temple.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master announced that the absence of Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden Brother GEORGE B. ORLADY was caused by an attack of rheumatism; that the absence of Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother EDGAR A. TENNIS was caused by the death of his father, and that the Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer, Brother THOMAS R. PATTON, was unable to be present on account of continued illness.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 8 o'clock 5 minutes P.M.

William A. Sinn
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, December 6, A.D. 1905, A.L. 5905.

PRESENT:

Bro. JAMES W. BROWN . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
“ GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR. . .	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
“ GEORGE B. ORLADY . . .	<i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
“ GEORGE W. GUTHRIE . . .	<i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. HACKENBURG . . .	<i>Acting R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ WILLIAM A. SINN . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
“ JOHN A. PERRY . . .	<i>Deputy Grand Secretary.</i>
“ SAMUEL B. DICK . . .	} <i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i>
“ MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON . . .	
“ WILLIAM J. KELLY . . .	
“ EDGAR A. TENNIS . . .	
“ JOHN W. LANSINGER . . .	} <i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i>
“ WILLIAM L. GORGAS . . .	
“ SAMUEL M. GOODYEAR . . .	
“ GEORGE H. SHIRK . . .	
“ DAVID H. WEAVER . . .	
“ THADDEUS S. ADLE . . .	
“ ADAM H. SCHMEHL . . .	
“ CHARLES S. VANDEGRIFT . . .	
“ WILLIAM M. SEMPLE . . .	
“ AARON R. TRUMBOWER . . .	
“ MATTHEW M. MACMILLAN . . .	
“ WILLIAM D. WHITE . . .	
“ THOMAS F. WELLS . . .	

Bro. WILLIAM H. HULSIZER . . .	
“ HOMER E. SPENCER . . .	
“ JAMES W. PIATT . . .	
“ JAMES A. PUGH . . .	
“ EZRA C. DOTY . . .	
“ BOYD G. STEEL . . .	
“ WILSON I. FLEMING . . .	
“ SOLOMON R. DRESSER . . .	
“ WILLIAM F. CULLIS . . .	
“ DAVID A. SAWDEY . . .	
“ ADRIAN W. MCCOY . . .	
“ WALTER D. CLARK . . .	
“ WILLIAM B. MEREDITH . . .	
“ JAMES W. MCDOWELL . . .	
“ JOHN S. SELL . . .	} <i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i>
“ JOHN D. CARR . . .	
“ GEORGE H. QUAILL . . .	
“ JAMES H. MUSSINA . . .	
“ WILLIAM L. JOHNSTON . . .	
“ JOHN W. FARNSWORTH . . .	
“ JOHN D. GOFF . . .	
“ FRANK C. O'ROURKE . . .	
“ WILLIAM S. DAUGHERTY . . .	
“ WILLIAM H. MAXWELL . . .	
“ JOHN J. JONES . . .	
“ RICHARD E. COCHRAN . . .	
“ GEORGE B. FRANTZ . . .	
“ EDGAR W. ROBINSON . . .	
“ CHARLES M. STOCK, D.D. . .	} <i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
“ J. GRAY BOLTON, D.D. . .	
“ GRAFTON T. REYNOLDS . . .	
“ WILLIAM B. CHALFANT, D.D.	
“ CHARLES H. BOND . . .	
“ FRANK B. LYNCH, D.D. . .	
“ JOHN P. NORMAN . . .	
“ SAMUEL P. KELLY . . .	
“ JOHN L. KINSEY . . .	<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
“ CHARLES W. PACKER . . .	<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>

Bro. ALFRED E. BURNAFORD	}	<i>Grand Stewards.</i>
" FRANCESCO B. GILBERT		
" WILLIAM J. DIEHL . . .		<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
" JOSEPH G. MORRIS . . .		<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
" CHARLES S. BAIR . . .		<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
" SAMUEL W. WRAY . . .		<i>Grand Tyler.</i>

Three hundred and eighty-four Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 10 o'clock, A.M.

This being the time prescribed by the Ahiman Rezon for the election of Grand Officers to serve during the ensuing Masonic year beginning on St. John the Evangelist's Day next, the Right Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to appoint tellers, who having reported, he declared the following Brethren duly elected :

R. W. Grand Master.

Brother GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR.

Brother James W. Brown having declined a re-election.

R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

Brother GEORGE B. ORLADY.

R. W. Senior Grand Warden.

Brother GEORGE W. GUTHRIE.

R. W. Junior Grand Warden.

Brother WILLIAM L. GORGAS.

R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Brother THOMAS R. PATTON.

R. W. Grand Secretary.

Brother WILLIAM A. SINN.

The following amendment to the Ahiman Rezon offered at the Annual Grand Communication, held December 27th, A.D. 1904, was again read, when on motion, action was postponed until the Quarterly Communication to be held December 5th, A. D. 1906 :

Resolved, That the Ahiman Rezon be amended by adding to Article XIII, the following: Section 43. The Committee of the Masonic Homes shall consist of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Senior and Junior Grand Wardens of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania and Masonic Jurisdiction Thereunto Belonging, and seven members of Grand Lodge who shall be chosen annually, by ballot, at the Quarterly Communication next preceding St. John the Evangelist's Day ; whose duty it shall be to provide for the establishment of, admission to, and management of Masonic Homes in this Jurisdiction, under such rules and regulations as may be approved by Grand Lodge ; and shall make report of all proceedings at the Quarterly Communication in December.

If more than seven Brethren be balloted for, the seven who receive the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. In the event that two or more Brethren receive an equal number of votes, the Right Worshipful Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden and the Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden shall each cast a ballot for one of the Brethren who received an equal number of votes, in addition to the vote as announced, until seven Brethren shall have received the highest number of votes, to serve until their successors are elected.

In the event of a vacancy occurring during the Masonic year, the Right Worshipful Grand Master shall fill such vacancy by appointment.

Copies of proposed By-Laws and proposed Amendments to By-Laws were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

A communication was read from Lodge No. —, requesting Grand Lodge to grant it permission to receive from J. P. C. a second application for permission to present a third petition for initiation and membership, which was, on motion, granted.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 376, at McVeytown, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, requesting Grand Lodge to issue to it a duplicate Warrant, to take the place of the original one which was rendered unfit for use by fire, when on motion, it was

Resolved, that the request of said Lodge be granted, on the return of the original Warrant.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND.

The Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed :

PHILADELPHIA, November 15, A. D. 1905, A. L. 5905.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons.

BRETHREN : The Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund respectfully submit their report for the fiscal year ending November 15, A. D. 1905 :

1904.

Nov. 15.	To balance as per last report	\$ 12.70
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1905.

Jan. 9.	To cash received from the R. W. Grand Lodge .	1600.00
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Nov. 3.	To cash received from Le- high Valley R. R. Mtg., & Coll. Trust 5's paid off .	1075.00
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Nov. 15.	To cash received for interest on investments to date .	3700.67
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\$6388.37

1905.

Oct.	13.	To cash paid for \$1000.00 Bond Union Traction Co., Indiana 5 per cent. & com.	\$997.50	
Nov.	9.	To cash paid for \$1000.00 Bond Union Traction Co., Indiana, 5 per cent.	\$1000.00	
		Total for re-investments.	\$1997.50	
Jan.	3.	To cash paid for boxes Fi- delity Trust Co.	15.00	
Jan.	3.	To cash paid Almoners, Class No. 1	1600.00	
July	1.	To cash paid Almoners, Class No. 3	1000.00	
Oct.	3.	To Cash paid Almoners, Class No. 4	1600.00	
Nov.	3.	To cash paid Fidelity cou- pon L. V. R. R., etc.	25.00	\$6237.50
		Balance General Fund		\$ 150.87

THOMAS SINGLETON BEQUEST.

1904.

Nov.	15	To balance as per last re- port	\$1247.31
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1905.

Nov.	3.	To cash received from Le- high Valley R. R. Mtg. & Col. Trust 5's paid off	\$7525.00
Nov.	15.	To cash received from in- terest on investments	1242.52

1905.

April	4.	By cash paid Almoners, Class No. 2	800.00	\$10,014.83
April	26.	By cash paid Almoners, Class No. 2 balance	200.00	
		By cash paid bill, Jones Per- petual L. Co.	20.40	

Oct. 13.	By cash paid for \$1000.00 bond Union Traction Co., Indiana 5's	997.50	
Nov. 3.	By cash paid Fidelity cou- pons Lehigh Valley	175.00	
	By cash paid for \$2000.00 Union Traction Co., In- diana 5's	2,000.00	
	By cash paid for \$5,000.00 Phila. Co. 5's & Com.	5,220.00	
Nov. 17.	By cash paid for \$500.00 United Ry. 4's	443.75	\$9,856.65
	Balance Singleton Fund		\$158.18
	Balance General Fund, as above,		150.87
	Balance uninvested on de- posit, Fidelity Trust Co.		\$309.05

All securities are deposited in fire-proof vaults of the Fidelity Trust Company, of Philadelphia, and are as follows :

GENERAL FUND.

Name of Security.	Rate.	Par.	Cost.
Masonic Temple Redemption Loan	4	\$73,000.00	\$73,000.00
Lehigh Valley Coal Company, First Mortgage 5's	5	4,000.00	4,313.75
United States War Loan	3	500.00	500.00
Phila. Electric Gold Trust 5's	5	300.00	300.75
Union Traction Co., of Indiana, Gold Bonds	5	2,000.00	1,997.50
		<u>\$79,800.00</u>	<u>\$80,112.00</u>
Balance cash Fidelity Trust Com- pany		150.87	150.87
		<u>\$79,950.87</u>	<u>\$80,262.87</u>

THOMAS SINGLETON BEQUEST.

Name of Security.	Rate.	Par.	Cost.
Electric & People's 4's	4	600.00	604.50
Lehigh Valley Coal Company			
First mortgage	5	3,000.00	3,251.25
Union Traction Co., Indiana	5	3,000.00	2,997.50
Philadelphia Co., Con. 5's	5	5,000.00	5,220.00
United Railway 4's	4	500.00	443.75
		<u>\$12,100.00</u>	<u>\$12,517.00</u>
Ground rents in Philadelphia		7,116.66	7,116.66
Mortgages in Philadelphia		7,716.67	7,716.67
		<u>\$26,933.33</u>	<u>\$27,350.33</u>
Cash balance Fidelity Trust Com- pany		158.18	158.18
		<u>\$27,091.51</u>	<u>\$27,508.51</u>
Add Cash and Securities in General Fund		79,950.87	80,262.87
		<u>\$107,042.38</u>	<u>\$107,771.38</u>

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. STEVENS,
STOCKTON BATES,
JOHN R. FANSHAWE,
JESSE J. BARKER,
STEPHEN GREENE.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GIRARD BEQUEST.

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest made the following report, when, on motion, the resolution attached thereto was adopted :

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free
and Accepted Masons :*

The Trustees of the Girard Bequest respectfully report that they have received during the fiscal year ending November 15, 1905 :

From Interest and Dividends on Investments	\$2751.08
“ “ on Deposits of Trustees . . .	17.25
“ “ “ “ Stewards . . .	25.66
“ Special Appropriation of Grand Lodge	1200.00
	<hr/> \$3993.99
To which add balance November 15, 1904, as per Report of the Committee on Finance	640.73
	<hr/> \$4634.72

They have paid during the same period :

Orders for the use of Stephen Girard Charity Fund	\$2500.00
Paid for \$1000 Electric and Peoples Traction Co. 4's, at 102, and Com. \$2.50	1022.50
Paid for 5 /10 Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co. Allotments at 48, and Commission 12c.	24.12
Paid for Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co., subscription to 3 shares of stock, at \$50	150.00
Paid for rent of safe in Fidelity Trust Company	5.00
	<hr/> 3701.62

Leaving a balance November 15, 1905, of \$933.10

on deposit in the Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on Lives and Granting Annuities.

Their accounts and the securities of the Trust have been examined by the Finance Committee and found correct.

The total amount of the fund, at the par value of the securities, is \$66,050.00, as per schedule annexed.

The annual income of the Fund, exclusive of interest on deposits, is about \$2750.00.

The Trustees recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars be, and the same is, hereby appropriated to the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund for the year ending December, 1906, to be drawn for in the usual manner.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN L. THOMSON,
ALEXANDER H. MORGAN,
CHARLES K. FRANCIS,
EDWARD PERRY,
EDWARD B. SPENCER,
Trustees.

SCHEDULE OF SECURITIES.

Par.	Interest Due.	Cost.
\$52,000 Masonic Temple Redemption Loan 4 per cent. (10 Certificates, Nos. 36 to 47, \$5000 each, and 2 Certificates, Nos. 186, 187, \$1000 each)	March 1, Sept. 1.	\$52,050.00
8,000 Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company Gold Loan 4 per cent. . . .	June 15, Dec. 15.	7,940.00
1,000 Philadelphia and Reading Terminal 5 per cent. Bonds .	Feb. 1, May 1, } Aug. 1, Nov. 1. }	1,027.50
2,700 Electric & Peoples Traction Co. Stock Trust Certificate 4's	April 1, Oct. 1.	2,524.00

500	10 shares Continental				
	Pass. Railway Com-				
	pany Stock . . .	Jan.	1, July	1.	1,030.00
1,400	28 shares Lehigh Coal				
	and Nav. Co. Stock	May	27, Nov.	27.	1,288.99
450	9 shares Penna. Rail-				
	road Co. Stock .	May	30, Nov.	30.	505.63
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\$66,050					
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					\$66,366.12

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE THOMAS R. PATTON MEMORIAL CHARITY FUND.

The Trustees of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund made the following report, when, on motion, the resolution attached thereto was adopted:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons :

The Trustees of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund (which was founded by Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer Brother THOMAS R. PATTON, in memory of his beloved wife, ELLEN H. GRAHAM PATTON) respectfully report for the fiscal year ending with the 15th day of November, A.D. 1905, A.L. 5905.

INCOME ACCOUNT.—RECEIPTS.

1904.					
Nov.	15.	To balance as per report			\$898.69
1905					
Jan.	6.	Received from Thomas R. Patton, Treas-			
		urer of Bursars, balance over from 1904			369.85
Nov.	1.	Received for Interest on Investments to			
		date			4542.50
Nov.	1.	Received for Interest on Deposits in			
		Philada. Trust Co.			37.83
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					\$5848.87
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PAYMENTS.

1905.	Appropriation for use of Bursars . . .	\$3000.00
Sept. 20.	Philadelphia Trust, Safe Deposit and Insurance Company, one year's rent of safe	15.00
Nov. 10.	Transferred to principal account by resolution of Trustees	2500.00
Nov. 15.	Balance on deposit in The Philadelphia Trust, Safe Deposit and Insurance Company	333.87
		<u>\$5848.87</u>

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT.

The securities of the Fund at the close of the fiscal year, November 15, 1904, consisted of securities and mortgages of the par value of \$104,500, which cost		\$105,722.08
Uninvested cash balance		70.00
		<u>\$105,792.08</u>
Amount transferred from Income Account, Nov. 9, 1905		2,500.00
		<u>\$108,292.08</u>

The Securities are as follows :

Par.		Interest Payable.	Cost.
\$10,000	Lehigh Valley Ry.		
	4½'s	Jan. and July 1.	\$10,636.25
1,000	Paterson & Passaic		
	G. & E. L. 5's	Mar. and Sept. 1.	1,025.83
5,000	Phila. & Erie R. R.		
	4's	Apr. and Oct. 1.	5,037.50
1,000	Phila. & Reading Ex.		
	5's	Apr. and Oct. 1.	1,025.00

5,000	Atlantic City Ry. 5's	May and Nov. 1.	\$5,387.50
5,000	Citizens' St. R. R., In-		
	dianapolis, 5's .	May and Nov. 1.	5,212.50
7,000	Phila. Electric Gold		
	Trust 5's . . .	Apr. and Oct. 1.	6,967.50
5,500	Bond and Mortgage,		
	1714 Columbia		
	Ave., 4½ per cent.	Mar. and Sept. 17.	5,500.00
4,500	Bond and Mortgage,		
	Wayne, Delaware		
	County, 5 per cent.	Jan. and July 15.	4,500.00
1,000	Bond and Mortgage,		
	243, 245 Monroe		
	Street, 5 per cent.	Feb. and Aug. 28.	1,000.00
10,000	Electric & People's		
	Traction 4's . . .	Apr. and Oct. 1.	10,000.00
1,000	Pittsburgh & West-		
	ern Receivers' R. R.		
	Car Trust 5's . . .	Apr. and Oct. 1.	1,000.00
10,000	N. Y. Gas & Elec. L.		
	H. & P. Co. 4's . . .	Feb. and Aug. 1.	10,000.00
10,000	Baltimore & Ohio R.		
	R. First Mtge 4's . . .	Apr. and Oct. 1.	10,000.00
2,000	Wyoming Valley Coal		
	Co. 6's	Jan. and July 1.	2,000.00
500	Citizens' St. Ry.,		
	Muncie, 6's	June and Dec. 1.	500.00
4,000	Baltimore & Ohio R.		
	R. Prior Lien 3½'s	Jan. and July 1.	3,735.00
11,000	Schuylkill River East		
	Side 4's	June and Dec. 1.	10,725.00
6,000	N. Pacific R. R. Prior		
	Lien 4's	Jan. (Quarterly).	6,247.50
5,000	Phila. & Reading		
	Impt. 4's	Apr. and Oct. 1.	5,222.50
2,000	Southern Rwy Equip-		
	ment Trust 4½'s . . .	May and Nov. 1.	2,024.75
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\$106,500			\$107,746.83

Cash (uninvested) on deposit with The Philadelphia Trust, Safe Deposit and Insurance Company	\$545.25
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	\$108,292.08
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The Trustees recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved, That the sum of three thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Bursars of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund for the year ending St. John's Day, 1906, to be drawn for in the usual manner.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM J. KELLY, R.W.P.G.M.,
PETER BOYD,
JAMES M. LAMBERTON,
EDMUND D. SCHOLEY,
THOMAS R. PATTON, JR.,

Trustees.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE STEPHEN TAYLOR BEQUEST.

The Trustees of the Stephen Taylor Bequest made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed :

PHILADELPHIA, December 6, 1905.

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free
and Accepted Masons :*

The Trustees of the Stephen Taylor Bequest submit the following report of their receipts for the year ending November 15, 1905, no disbursements having been made.

RECEIPTS.

To balance on hand at last report	\$1,566.64
To interest on investments	610.00
To interest on deposits in West Philadelphia Title and Trust Company	56.84
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	\$2,233.48
Balance on hand on deposit in West Philadelphia Title and Trust Company	<u>\$2,233.48</u>

The investments are as follows :

SECURITIES.

Bonds and Mortgages as follows :

Par Value.	Cost.
\$4000.00 on premises 513 S. 45th St., Phila.	\$4054.45
3500.00 on premises 1101 N. 42d St., Phila.	3535.00
2500.00 on premises 628 S. 52d St., Phila.	2500.00
2200.00 on premises 5212 Fitzwater St., Phila.	2200.00
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12,200.00	12,289.45
2,233.48 Cash on deposit in Trust Co.	2,233.48
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14,433.48	14,522.93

Fraternally submitted,

HENRY Z. ZIEGLER,
SAMUEL W. WRAY,
THEODORE E. WIEDERSHEIM,
GEORGE W. HALL, Lodge No. 121,
HENRY W. SMITH,

Trustees.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHARLES JACKSON McCLARY MEMORIAL FUNDS.

The Trustees of the Charles Jackson McClary Memorial Funds made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons :

The Trustees of the Charles Jackson McClary Memorial Funds respectfully report for the fiscal year ending with the 15th day of November, A.D. 1905, A.L. 5905, as follows :

MEMORIAL FUND IN TRUST FOR MASONIC HOME.

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT.

There has been no change in the principal account since the report for the fiscal year ending with the 15th day of November, A. D. 1904, A. L. 5904.

INCOME ACCOUNT.—RECEIPTS.

1904.

Nov. 15.	To balance as per last account	\$13.74
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1905.

Jan. 2.	To six months interest on City of Philadelphia loan	350.00
July 1.	To six months interest on City of Philadelphia loan	350.00
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		\$713.74

PAYMENTS.

1905.

Jan.	2.	By repayment to Masonic Home of money advanced, July 19, 1904 (see previous report) .	\$143.33	
		By Masonic Home on account of income .	215.41	
July	2.	By Masonic Home on account of income .	<u>350.00</u>	<u>\$708.74</u>
		Balance on deposit in Pennsylvania Co. for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities		<u>\$5.00</u>

INVESTMENTS OF PRINCIPAL.

The securities of the Memorial Fund for the Masonic Home at the close of the fiscal year, November 15, 1905, A. L. 5905, consist of \$20,000 City of Philadelphia 3½ loan of 1934, which cost \$20,475.00

MEMORIAL FUND IN TRUST FOR ORPHAN CHILDREN.

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT.—RECEIPTS.

1904.

Nov. 15.	To balance as per last report	\$556.71
	To amount transferred from income account from November 15, 1904, to November 15, 1905	<u>1,075.14</u>
		<u>\$1,631.85</u>

PAYMENTS.

1904.

Dec. 12.	By cash paid for \$500 City Philadelphia 3½ loan 1923, ex interest, due January 1, 1905 .	\$501.25	
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1905.

March 14.	By cash paid for \$500 City Philadelphia 3½ loan 1914 . . .	505.00	
Oct. 4.	By cash paid for \$500 City Philadelphia 3½ loan 1923 . . .	510.00	\$1,516.25
	Balance on deposit in Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities . . .		<u>\$115.60</u>

INCOME ACCOUNT.—RECEIPTS.

1905.

Jan. 2.	To six months interest \$30,000 City of Phila- delphia 3½s . . .	\$525.00
July 1.	To six months interest \$31,000 City of Phila- delphia 3½s . . .	542.50
	To interest on deposits .	7.64
		<u>\$1,075.14</u>

PAYMENTS.

1905.

Nov. 15.	By total of transfer to principal account from November 15, 1904 to November 15, 1905 .	<u>\$1,075.14</u>
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INVESTMENTS OF PRINCIPAL.

The securities of the Memorial Fund for Orphan Children at the close of the fiscal year, November 15, 1905, A. L. 5905, consist of the following :

Par.		Cost.
\$30,000.00	City of Philadelphia 3½ loan, 1934	\$30,712.50
1,000.00	“ “ “ “ 1923	1,011.25
500.00	“ “ “ “ 1914	505.00
	Cash on deposit in the Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives and Granting Annuities . . .	115.60
<hr/> \$31,615.60		<hr/> \$32,344.35

Respectfully submitted,
 THOMAS R. PATTON,
 R. W. Grand Treasurer ;
 PETER BOYD,
 LOUIS WAGNER,
 EDWIN S. STUART,
 GEORGE W. KENDRICK, 3d,
Trustees.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

The Committee on Appeals made the following report, and the resolution attached thereto was adopted :

PHILADELPHIA, December 6th, A. D. 1905, A. L. 5905.

*To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted
 Masons :*

In the matter of the appeal of A—— D—— from the action of —— Lodge, No. ——, in expelling him from membership, your Committee on Appeals respectfully report :

The facts in this case are somewhat peculiar. In March last a member of —— Lodge, E. T. H——, preferred the charge of

gross un-masonic conduct against A—— D——, specifying.

1. (a.) That in the month of March, 1903, D—— had had unlawful carnal communication with J—— W——, the daughter of a Master Mason, in ——.

1. (b.) And subsequently at divers times in ——.

2. That in 1892 he had had unlawful carnal communication with one L—— M——. The testimony showed that H—— had been on D——'s Committee in 1886, and both men had been in —— Lodge for many years, D—— since 1886, and H—— from a date prior to that. They had been warm friends, Masonically, in business matters and in social life. The knowledge of D——'s intimacy with L—— M——, H—— learned in 1900, and he learned it by his friend D—— telling him. The evidence showed that in March, 1903, D—— had no knowledge that J—— W—— was the daughter of a Master Mason. It was not shown that he knew that fact until September, 1903. H——'s knowledge of D——'s intimacy with the woman after that date came entirely from what he claimed his friend D—— told him. With reference to one charge, he holds his peace from March, 1903, until March, 1905, a period of two years. In the other he holds his peace for five years. He then prefers the charges. The woman, L—— M——, it is not claimed has any masonic affiliations. The woman J—— W—— came forward as a witness and denied that D—— was ever intimate with her. Her father was a witness for the accused, and asserted his belief in his daughter's innocence and in D——'s innocence. The charge rested almost entirely upon the testimony of H——, who, on the testimony, would appear to be sacrificing his friend upon the altar of his devotion to our Fraternity. His tardiness in acting would make any man search for a motive. The fact that one friend volunteers to give to his Lodge the secrets confided to him by another friend would make any man suspect a motive and search for it. Men do not as a rule thus violate the confidence of another man, and especially if that man be his warm friend. Whether H——'s testimony that D—— had confessed to him was to be relied on, or whether D—— was to be believed when he testified that he had never confessed to H——, depended

much on whether H—— was actuated by any ulterior motive in laying bare the secrets confided to him by his friend. After H—— had given his testimony, the friend representing the accused asked H—— :

Q. You had some business dealings with him (meaning D——)?

The object of this question was frankly explained by the Brother acting as counsel for D——. He said : “I ask this question for the purpose of impeaching Brother H——’s testimony, on the ground that the motive for these charges was to avenge a fancied wrong, arising from a business disagreement, and of showing that the charges were not made in good faith, and were subsequent to threats that if the business disagreement was not adjusted to his satisfaction, he would prefer such charges.”

The committee refused to permit the question to be answered.

When the accused came to present his case, his counsel offered to prove by a Master Mason and other witnesses that the purpose of Brother H—— in making these accusations was to punish a Master Mason for a matter not connected with the Fraternity ; that the accuser, previous to preferring his charges, threatened that if he did not obtain an arrangement satisfactory to him in a purely business matter, he would make the charges filed in this case, and that he made that threat to the Worshipful Master of the Lodge and to other members of —— Lodge, and that the accused could have prevented the charges being made by making a cash settlement. This offer was stated to be made to impeach the testimony of Brother H——, and to show bad faith on his part. The accuser objected and the committee ruled in his favor and excluded the testimony.

While your committee recognizes that the rules of evidence obtaining in courts of justice do not bind a committee trying a Mason, yet where those rules are based on fundamental principles of common practice, they bind all men in their dealings with their fellows. In this case the triers of facts had to rely on the testimony of either the accused or the accuser. The accuser was giving to the Lodge what he claimed had been confided to him by his friend, and he did not act for years after he became

the confidant of that friend. He carried the secret hidden in his breast until March of this year. It was but common fairness that the accused should have been afforded the opportunity, if he could show it, of proving to the committee and to the Lodge, that there was, back of the charges, a sordid, unworthy and un-masonic motive, not because that would deprive the Lodge of the power to act, but because it went to the very vitals of the case, the reliance to be placed upon the testimony of the accuser.

We do not at this time express any opinion upon the guilt or innocence of the accused. Every Mason is entitled to a fair trial. If aggrieved by the action of his Lodge, his privilege to appeal to this Grand Lodge is his right.

If the Grand Lodge is convinced that, on the merits of the case, the Lodge trying a Master Mason has erred, it is the duty of the Grand Lodge to see to it that one of its members, however humble or insignificant, is protected in all his rights, even to reversing the findings of the Lodge. But in this case the appellant has not had a fair trial, and until he is found guilty, after a trial in which his rights are protected according to the simplest form of common justice as understood by all men, this Grand Lodge and the Committee on Appeals need express no opinion as to his guilt. Your Committee, therefore, asks the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That the Trial Committee of ——— Lodge, No. —, trying the charges against A—— D——, erred in refusing to permit the accused to present evidence showing the motive of the accuser in presenting the charges, and which evidence if admitted and believed, it is claimed, might have shaken the credibility of the accuser.

Resolved, That the action of the Lodge, in finding A—— D—— guilty upon the second specification of the first charge and upon the second charge be set aside, and that the appellant be restored to membership in the Lodge, pending a re-trial of the charges, for which purpose the case is referred back to ——— Lodge No. —.

On behalf of the Committee of Appeals. Fraternally submitted.

ABRAHAM M. BEITLER.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance made the following report, and the resolution attached thereto was adopted :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons :

The Committee on Finance respectfully reports that it has examined the accounts and securities of the Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, showing a balance on hand of the Thomas Singleton Bequest of \$158.18, and of the Current Account of \$150.87; Trustees of the Girard Bequest, showing a balance on hand of \$933.10; Trustees of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund, showing a balance on hand of the Income Account of \$333.87, and of the Principal Account of \$545.25; Trustees of the Stephen Taylor Bequest, showing a balance on hand of \$2233.48; Trustees of the Charles Jackson McClary Memorial Funds, showing a balance on hand of the Masonic Home Bequest of \$5.00, and of the Bequest for the benefit of Orphan Children of \$115.60; the accounts and vouchers of the Committee on Library, which show a balance on hand of \$1734.56 (which includes \$1500.00 appropriated last year for reprint of Proceedings of Grand Lodge, Vol X, yet incomplete); the accounts and vouchers of the Committee on Temple, which show a balance on hand of the Current Expense Account of \$674.79, and of the Improvement Account of \$88.27. The transactions of these Trusts and Committees will be fully set forth in their respective reports to Grand Lodge.

The Committee has also examined the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer, and of the Grand Secretary, including the Ledger of the latter, which has been compared with the Balance Sheet submitted by him, and found to agree.

The books of the Grand Secretary, for the fiscal year ending November 15, 1905, show as follows :

RECEIPTS.

Masonic Rents	\$41,604.00
Ten per cents.	11,424.50
Initiations	10,797.00
Dues	74,562.06
Grand Lodge Certificates	556.00
Ahiman Rezens	267.00
Dispensations	20,180.00
Warrants for new Lodges	1,600.00
Sale of old fixtures	145.23
Estate of Samuel C. Perkins, deceased	6.33
Estate of Sarah J. Young, deceased	475.01
Estate of M. Sommerville, deceased, Art Fund	10,191.60
Estate of M. Sommerville, deceased, Banquet Fund	5,095.80
Interest on Deposits	618.12
George Washington Anniversary Committee	116.62
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Total Receipts	\$177,639.27
All of which has been paid to Grand Treasurer, and his receipt taken therefor.	
To which add cash on hand November 15, 1904.	18,591.94
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Making a total of	\$196,231.21

PAYMENTS.

By Grand Treasurer, on orders of Grand Master :—	
Salaries	\$13,783.30
Expenses of Grand Lodge	6,320.94
Expenses of Grand Master, including Instructor in Masonic Work	4,000.00
Committee on Temple :—	
Improvement Account	\$86,471.63
Current Account	26,766.44
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	113,238.07
Expenses of District Deputy Grand Masters	2,911.39
Committee on Library	5,150.00
Committee on Correspondence	500.00

Masonic Home	\$1,000.00
Almoners of Grand Lodge Charity Fund . .	1,600.00
Trustees of Girard Bequest	1,206.33
Interest on Four per Cent. Masonic Loan . .	7,924.00
Printing Ahiman Rezon	102.70
Printing Grand Lodge Certificates	340.80
Printing Warrants	21.60
Transient Relief	100.00
Grand Lodge Charity Fund	475.01
Total Payments	\$158,674.14
Leaving a Cash balance on hand, November 15, 1905	37,557.07
Making a total of	\$196,231.21

The Committee has examined the Loan Ledger and the Interest Account and found them correct.

FOUR PER CENT. MASONIC LOAN.

The Four per Cent. Masonic Loan remains the same as per report of December 4, 1901 :—\$198,100.

We present the following estimate of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ending November 15, 1906.

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

Masonic Rents	\$40,000.00
Ten per cents.	9,000.00
Initiations	9,000.00
Dues	70,000.00
Dispensations	20,000.00
Estimated Total Receipts	\$148,000.00

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES.

Principal of Four per Cent. Masonic Loan . .	\$28,250.00
Interest on Four per cent. Masonic Loan . .	7,359.00
Expenses of Grand Master	4,000.00
Expenses of District Deputy Grand Masters .	3,500.00
Expenses of Grand Lodge	6,500.00

Salaries as follows :

Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Deputy Grand Secretary, Clerks to Grand Secretary, Clerk to Committee on Finance, Grand Tyler, Private Secretary to Grand Master, In- structor in Masonic Work	\$15,400.00
Carried forward	\$65,009.00

Committee on Temple, Current Expense Account :

Salaries as follows :—

Supervisor	\$2,000.00
Superintendent	1,040.00
Engineer	1,040.00
Carpenter	936.00
Watchman	780.00
Two Firemen @ \$780	1,560.00
Elevator Attendant & Watchman	676.00
One Laborer	500.00
Five Laborers @ \$572	2,860.00
One Forewoman Cleaner	468.00
Four Cleaners @ \$312	1,248.00
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	\$13,108.00

Gas & Electric Light	8,000.00
Coal	3,000.00
Hauling ashes and dirt	300.00
Telephones, Grand Master's and Superintendent's Offices	250.00
Water Rent	320.00
General Supplies, washing towels, etc.	1,900.00
Cleaning Windows	350.00
Ice	300.00
Insurance on Plate Glass and Ele- vators	120.00

Cementing Basement Floor	\$125.00	
Painting Railing around Temple	130.00	
Painting Inside Blinds Oriental Hall	40.00	\$27,943.00
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Special Appropriation :		
Deficiency in Wages to Dec. 27, 1905		805.00
Appropriation for Improvement of Temple		
George Herzog for portrait of P. G. M. Samuel C. Perkins	500.00	
Walker & Kepler Electrical Work	885.67	
American Gas Fixture Works, Electric tops and standards	204.00	
John Baizley Iron Works, pipe fittings and labor	56.16	
	<hr/>	1,645.83
Committee on Correspondence		500.00
Committee on Library :		
Salary of Librarian, Assistant Librarian and Helper	3,000.00	
Reprint Vol. XI of Proceedings	1,500.00	
Periodicals	100.00	
Binding Periodicals	100.00	
Binding	200.00	
New Books	500.00	
Antiquities	500.00	
Sundries	100.00	
Special for Franklin Exhibit	1,500.00	
	<hr/>	7,500.00
Masonic Home		3,000.00
Transient Relief		100.00
Trustees of Grand Lodge Charity Fund :		
For investment	500.00	
For use of Almoners	2,000.00	
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Trustees of Girard Bequest,	\$1,200.00
Past Grand Master's Jewel	290.00
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Total Estimated Expenditures	\$110,492.83
Leaving an Estimated Balance of	37,507.17
(from which must be deducted the M. Sommer- ville Bequest of \$15,287.40, with accrued interest)	
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	\$148,000.00
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In the matter of the Preamble and Resolution offered at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge on December 7th, 1904, referred to the Committee of Seventeen on Masonic Homes, and by it to this Committee: at the Communication held December 27th, 1904, we reported that we have considered the subject matter thereof and do not approve it.

This question was then referred back to the Committee on Finance, by the Right Worshipful Grand Master, to report at this meeting. We have again considered the matter and again report that we do not approve it.

The Committee submits the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed to notify Lodge No. 52, holding \$14,000 and Lodge No. 19, holding \$14,250 of the Four per Cent. Masonic Loan, that the same will be paid on March 1st, 1906, and that interest thereon will cease on that date.

Resolved, That the Right Worshipful Grand Master be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to draw orders on the Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer, for the several appropriations for the year 1906, as are herein specified.

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary has furnished the Committee with a Balance Sheet of Grand Lodge, as of November 15th, 1905, and also one after the closing entries of the year

have been made; showing the amounts due to and by Grand Lodge, which is appended hereto and made part of this report.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

MAX RIEBENACK,
AZARIAH W. HOOPES,
EZRA S. BARTLETT,
FRANK M. HIGHLEY,
WILLIAM McCONWAY.

Committee on Finance.

December 6, 1905.

BALANCE SHEET, NOVEMBER 15, 1905.

						<i>Debits</i>	<i>Credits</i>
Lodge No.	2	.	.	.	.	\$ 4.00	
"	"	3	.	.	.	4.00	
"	"	9	.	.	.	30.50	
"	"	19	.	.	.	80.50	
"	"	25	.	.	.		\$1.00
"	"	51	.	.	.	10.00	
"	"	52	.	.	.	4.00	
"	"	59	.	.	.	227.50	
"	"	62	.	.	.		2.00
"	"	67	.	.	.	602.00	
"	"	71	.	.	.	76.50	
"	"	114	.	.	.	4.00	
"	"	115	.	.	.	12.00	
"	"	121	.	.	.	8.00	
"	"	125	.	.	.	8.00	
"	"	126	.	.	.	10.00	
"	"	130	.	.	.	8.00	
"	"	131	.	.	.	8.00	
"	"	134	.	.	.	4.00	
"	"	138	.	.	.		2.00
"	"	155	.	.	.	8.00	
"	"	158	.	.	.	73.75	

					<i>Debits.</i>	<i>Credits.</i>
Lodge No.	186	.	.	.	\$8.00	
"	" 187	.	.	.	12.00	
"	" 220	.	.	.		\$7.00
"	" 227	.	.	.		1.00
"	" 234	.	.	.		5.00
"	" 241	.	.	.		1.00
"	" 243	.	.	.		1.00
"	" 246	.	.	.	17.50	
"	" 254	.	.	.	230.00	
"	" 259	.	.	.	152.00	
"	" 264	.	.	.	1.00	
"	" 268	.	.	.		2.00
"	" 271	.	.	.	4.00	
"	" 274	.	.	.	14.00	
"	" 282	.	.	.		1.00
"	" 288	.	.	.		1.00
"	" 289	.	.	.	8.00	
"	" 295	.	.	.	20.00	
"	" 303	.	.	.	151.00	
"	" 321	.	.	.		2.00
"	" 338	.	.	.	77.00	
"	" 351	.	.	.		2.00
"	" 354	.	.	.		26.00
"	" 359	.	.	.	261.50	
"	" 360	.	.	.	159.00	
"	" 363	.	.	.		1.00
"	" 368	.	.	.	4.00	
"	" 369	.	.	.	161.00	
"	" 374	.	.	.	348.00	
"	" 377	.	.	.	141.00	
"	" 380	.	.	.	8.00	
"	" 384	.	.	.	8.00	
"	" 385	.	.	.	57.50	
"	" 386	.	.	.	8.00	
"	" 388	.	.	.		9.00
"	" 390	.	.	.		4.00
"	" 393	.	.	.	4.00	

					<i>Debits.</i>	<i>Credits.</i>
Lodge No.	399	.	.	.		\$1.00
"	" 415	.	.	.	\$130.00	
"	" 419	.	.	.	17.50	
"	" 423	.	.	.		1.00
"	" 424	.	.	.	58.00	
"	" 428	.	.	.	38.00	
"	" 429	.	.	.		9.00
"	" 430	.	.	.		1.00
"	" 432	.	.	.	8.00	
"	" 434	.	.	.		1.00
"	" 436	.	.	.	4.00	
"	" 440	.	.	.		4.00
"	" 441	.	.	.	8.00	
"	" 444	.	.	.	8.00	
"	" 449	.	.	.	18.00	
"	" 450	.	.	.	4.00	
"	" 456	.	.	.	8.00	
"	" 461	.	.	.		1.00
"	" 471	.	.	.	46.00	
"	" 477	.	.	.	147.00	
"	" 481	.	.	.	725.50	
"	" 482	.	.	.	80.50	
"	" 484	.	.	.		10.00
"	" 487	.	.	.	424.50	
"	" 491	.	.	.	4.00	
"	" 493	.	.	.	14.00	
"	" 500	.	.	.	91.50	
"	" 509	.	.	.		2.00
"	" 521	.	.	.		3.00
"	" 527	.	.	.	8.00	
"	" 528	.	.	.	10.00	
"	" 529	.	.	.	4.00	
"	" 531	.	.	.		1.00
"	" 534	.	.	.		3.00
"	" 543	.	.	.	4.00	
"	" 544	.	.	.		1.00
"	" 546	.	.	.		1.00

					<i>Debits.</i>	<i>Credits.</i>
Lodge No.	549	.	.	.		\$6.00
"	" 555	.	.	.		3.00
"	" 563	.	.	.		1.00
"	" 567	.	.	.	\$2.00	
"	" 569	.	.	.		1.00
"	" 571	.	.	.		1.00
"	" 576	.	.	.		1.00
"	" 583	.	.	.		1.00
"	" 591	.	.	.	4.00	
"	" 598	.	.	.		7.00
"	" 605	.	.	.	4.00	
"	" 606	.	.	.	2.00	
"	" 607	.	.	.		3.00
"	" 608	.	.	.		5.00
"	" 610	.	.	.	65.00	
"	" 614	.	.	.	1.00	
"	" 618	.	.	.	68.00	
"	" 636	.	.	.	19.50	
Chapter No.	3	.	.	.	245.50	
"	" 52	.	.	.	24.00	
"	" 91	.	.	.	4.00	
"	" 169	.	.	.	4.00	
"	" 175	.	.	.	4.00	
"	" 183	.	.	.	6.00	
"	" 232	.	.	.	10.00	
"	" 240	.	.	.	118.75	
"	" 243	.	.	.	130.75	
"	" 248	.	.	.	84.50	
"	" 250	.	.	.	8.00	
"	" 251	.	.	.	4.00	
"	" 256	.	.	.	99.50	
"	" 284	.	.	.	14.00	
Mark Lodge No.	91	.	.	.	4.00	
"	" " 214	.	.	.	19.50	
Commandery No.	70	.	.	.	4.00	
Council No.	11	.	.	.	4.00	
Grand Commandery		.	.	.	208.33	

	<i>Debits.</i>	<i>Credits.</i>
Ahiman Rezens		\$164.30
Grand Lodge Certificates		215.20
Warrants		1,578.40
Ten per Cents		10,689.50
City Initiations		2,824.00
City Dues		19,236.00
Initiations other than City		7,374.00
Dues other than City		51,938.67
Masonic Rents		40,933.50
Masonic Temple 4 per cent. Loan		198,100.00
Stephen Taylor Bequest	\$13,856.09	
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania		2,231,705.92
Real Estate	1,696,376.95	
Transient Relief	100.00	
Salaries	13,783.30	
Expenses Grand Lodge	6,320.94	
Expenses Grand Master	4,000.00	
Girard Bequest	67,016.56	
Grand Lodge Charity Fund	79,699.71	
Committee on Library	5,150.00	
Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund	105,792.08	
Committee on Temple	26,766.44	
Interest	7,305.88	
Cash	37,557.07	
Masonic Home	1,088.20	
Almoners Grand Lodge Charity Fund	1,600.00	
Extinct Lodges		22.34
Thomas Singleton Bequest	27,619.89	
Estate of Samuel C. Perkins, dec'd		6.33
Mary Huston		100.00
Estate of Sarah Jane Young, dec'd		475.01
Old Fixtures		689.73
Committee on Correspondence	500.00	
Improvement of Temple	446,471.63	
George Washington Anniversary 1902		116.62

	<i>Debits.</i>	<i>Credits.</i>
Dispensations		\$20,180.00
Charles Jackson McClary Memorial Funds, Bequest No. 1	\$20,475.00	
Charles Jackson McClary Memorial Funds, Bequest No. 2	31,321.71	
Expenses District Deputy Grand Masters	2,911.39	
Estate of Maxwell Sommerville, deceased		15,287.40
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	\$2,601,772.92	\$2,601,772.92

Balance Sheet, November 15, 1905, after closing entries for the year ending this date have been made :

	<i>Debits.</i>
Due by Lodges for dues and rents	\$5,063.25
Due by Chapters, Commanderies, and bodies other than Lodges, for rent	996.83
Real Estate	1,696,376.95
Cash	37,557.07
Improvement of Temple	446,471.63
Grand Lodge Charity Fund	79,699.71
Girard Bequest	67,016.56
Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund	105,792.08
Thomas Singleton Bequest	27,619.89
Stephen Taylor Bequest	13,856.09
Charles Jackson McClary Memorial Funds, Bequest No. 1	20,475.00
Charles Jackson McClary Memorial Funds, Bequest No. 2	31,321.71
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	\$2,532,246.77

	<i>Credits.</i>
Due to Lodges (overpaid dues)	\$136.00
Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania	2,333,221.04

Credits.

Masonic Temple 4 per cent. Loan	\$198,100.00
Mary Huston	100.00
Old Fixtures	689.73
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	\$2,532,246.77

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

The Committee on By-Laws made the following report, and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons:

BRETHREN,—Your Committee on By-Laws respectfully report that they have examined the By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws referred to them and offer the following resolutions:—

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 485, 637 and 639 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 330 be referred back to the Lodge for a readjustment of fees and the insertion of a provision for Summons.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 21, 220, 248, 318, 327, 367, 384, 417, 430, 450, 458, 561, 583 and 588 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodges, Nos. 138 and 363 be not approved.

Resolved, That of the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 395, Article III., Section 5, Article IV., Section 2 and Article V., Section 1, be approved. Article XI., Section 2 be not approved; and Article III., Section 4 be amended by striking out all after the words “per annum.”

And that as so amended it be approved.

That said Lodge be directed to further amend its By-Laws to conform to the Rules and Regulations of Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That of the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 406, Article III., Section 4, Article IV., Section 2, Article VIII., Section 3 and Articles V. and IX. be approved.

That Article III., Section 3., be amended by striking out the inserted words "successors and assigns."

That Article X., Section 2., be amended by striking out the words "and their successors and assigns."

And that as so amended they be approved.

That said Lodge be directed to further amend its By-Laws to conform to the Rules and Regulations of Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 454, be amended as follows:

Article V., Section 1. By striking out (in the fourth line) \$30, and inserting in lieu thereof \$40.

Article VI., Section 1. By striking out the words "by a vote of the Lodge or."

And that as so amended they be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES CARY,
JAMES S. BARBER,
CHARLES F. WIGNALL,
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
SYLVESTER S. GARWOOD,
Committee on By-Laws.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., December 6th, 1905.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPLE.

The Committee on Temple made the following reports, which were ordered to be entered and filed:

PHILADELPHIA, November 15, 1905.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons :

The Committee on Temple respectfully present the following report of their receipts and expenditures for the year ending November 15, 1905, excepting therefrom the receipts and expenditures on account of the improvement of the Temple :

RECEIPTS.

1904.

Nov.	15.	Balance on hand	.	.	\$1,487.50
Dec.	16.	Received from Improve-			
		ment Account	.	.	490.07
Dec.	29.	Received from Grand			
		Treasurer	.	.	5,000.00

1905.

Feb.	1.	Received from Grand			
		Treasurer	.	.	5,000.00
March	1.	Interest on bank deposit to			
		date	.	.	27.01
Apr.	6.	Received from Grand			
		Treasurer	.	.	5,000.00
June	9.	Received from Grand			
		Treasurer	.	.	5,000.00
Aug.	22.	Received from Grand			
		Treasurer	.	.	6,766.44
Sept.	1.	Interest on bank account	.		25.26
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					\$28,796.28

EXPENDITURES.

Employees	\$ 9,477.98
Electric Lights	7,182.00
Gas	26.77
Ice	.	.	.	.	274.25
Coal	.	.	.	.	2,921.26
Supplies	.	.	.	.	1,551.43
Repairs	.	.	.	.	2,037.34

Cleaning windows, washing towels, hauling ashes, laundry, etc.	\$848.24	
Telephones	248.70	
Insurance	183.87	
Water rent	222.76	
Pay roll	3,151.59	
	<hr/>	\$28,126.19
Balance on hand, Nov. 15, 1905,		\$670.09

Respectfully submitted,
 WILLIAM J. KELLY, R.W.P.G.M.,
 HIBBERT P. JOHN,
 JAMES B. DUFFY,
 G. ELLWOOD WAGNER,
 Z. TAYLOR RICKARDS,
Committee on Temple.

IMPROVEMENT OF TEMPLE.

PHILADELPHIA, November 15, 1905.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons :

The Committee on Temple respectfully submit the following report of their receipts and expenditures for the improvement and alteration of the Temple for the year ending November 15, 1905 :

RECEIPTS.

1904.

Nov. 15.	Balance on hand,	\$10,133.25
Dec. 19.	Received from Grand Treasurer	10,000.00
Dec. 29.	Received from Grand Treasurer	10,000.00

1905.

Feb. 1.	Received from Grand Treasurer	10,000.00
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March 20.	Received from Grand Treas- urer	\$10,000.00	
April 29.	Interest on bank deposit to date	32.53	
July 5.	Received from Grand Treas- urer	9,832.10	
July 10.	Received from Grand Treas- urer	3,020.98	
July 21.	Received from Grand Treas- urer	9,961.51	
Aug. 22.	Received from Grand Treas- urer	3,000.00	
Sept. 26.	Received from Grand Treas- urer	11,135.00	
Oct. 27.	Received from Grand Treas- urer	6,700.00	
Nov. 14.	Received from Grand Treas- urer	2,822.04	
		<hr/>	\$96,637.41

EXPENDITURES.

Decorating and furnishing	\$73,028.00	
Electrical work	19,368.21	
Heating and ventilating	654.99	
Plastering	2,398.00	
Plumbing	255.66	
Supplies	354.21	
Current account	490.07	\$96,549.14
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Balance		\$88.27

Respectfully submitted,
 WILLIAM J. KELLY, R.W.P.G.M.,
 HIBBERT P. JOHN,
 JAMES B. DUFFY,
 G. ELLWOOD WAGNER,
 Z. TAYLOR RICKARDS,
Committee on Temple.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LIBRARY.

The Committee on Library made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed.

PHILADELPHIA, December 6, 1905.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons :

Your Committee on Library respectfully submits the following as its report for 1905 :

BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY.

Bound volumes, November 15, 1904	9,878	
Added by gift and purchase	284	
Added by binding	741	
	—	1,025
		<u>10,903</u>
Unbound volumes, pamphlets, etc.,		
November 15, 1904	3,530	
Added by gift and purchase	141	
		<u>3,671</u>
Less Proceedings, etc. bound	840	
	—	<u>2,831</u>
Total		<u>13,734</u>
Number last report		<u>13,408</u>
Increase		<u>326</u>
Increase in bound volumes		1,025
Decrease in unbound volumes		<u>699</u>
Increase		<u>326</u>

During the year 24,897 persons visited the Library, an increase of 2,476 over the year 1904.

Volume IX of the Reprint of the Minutes of Grand Lodge, covering the proceedings from 1855 to 1858, both inclusive, was completed and issued during the past year.

Volume X containing the proceedings from 1859 to 1864, both inclusive, will be issued in January next, and an appropriation for Volume XI, to contain the Minutes of Grand Lodge from 1865 to 1871, both inclusive, has been asked for the ensuing year. It is expected that with the publication of this latter volume the Reprint immediately necessary will be completed.

The number of copies of the Reprint of the Minutes of Grand Lodge sold and exchanged is as follows :—

		Sold.	Exchanged.	Number on hand.
Vol.	I.	1	2	80
"	II.	7	9	293
"	III.	7	9	541
"	IV.	6	10	642
"	V.	6	10	700
"	VI.	6	10	700
"	VII.	17	10	794
"	VIII.	17	10	809
"	IX.	86	47	867

Our Receipts and Expenditures have been as follows :—

RECEIPTS.

Balance, November 15, 1904	. . . . .	\$1,541.48
Received from R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, appropriation for 1905	. . . . .	5,150.00
Received from Pennsylvania Council of Deliberation, A. A. S. Rite for binding	. . . . .	50.00
Received from Grand H. R. A. Chapter of Pennsylvania, for binding	. . . . .	50.00
Received from Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, K. T., for binding	. . . . .	25.00
Received from Librarian, sales of books, etc	171.50
Received from interest on deposits	50.52
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		\$7,038.50

EXPENDITURES.

Purchase of books, pamphlets, etc.	\$ 519.56	
Subscriptions to newspapers and periodicals	120.00	
Purchase of antiquities, etc.	488.00	
Binding	384.00	
Printing, supplies, etc.	90.00	
Petty cash and sundries	87.00	
Salaries	2,125.00	
Printing, binding of Volume IX. of the Minutes of Grand Lodge, circulars, postage, etc	1,490.38	
Balance, November 15, 1905	1,734.56	
		<u>\$7,038.50</u>

A large part of the balance on hand is needed to pay for the printing of Volume X of the Reprint of the Minutes of Grand Lodge.

The Committee on Finance of Grand Lodge has audited and found correct the accounts of the Treasurer and of the Librarian.

In addition to the usual appropriations for the current work of the Committee, we have asked that the appropriation heretofore made for a bronze memorial tablet, showing the several places of the meetings of Grand Lodge, be renewed for the year 1906, with the expectation that a model will then be prepared and that the work will be done with the approval of Grand Lodge, as per the action of Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication, held March 1, 1905.

Your Committee has also asked for an appropriation of \$1,500 to arrange for a Loan Exhibition of Frankliniana in connection with the celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Franklin, which will be held by Grand Lodge, the American Philosophical Society and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. The experience gained in connection with a similar exhibition in memory of Washington, will assist your Committee to make the contemplated exhibition one of great

interest as well as profit to the Fraternity and to the public generally. When the appropriation is made and becomes available, immediate steps will be taken by the Librarian, under the direction of a Sub-committee of the Committee on Library, to make the necessary arrangements for the purpose indicated.

The work in the construction of the steel book-stacks in the fire-proof rooms north of the Library has been completed, giving us space for more than 25,000 volumes. In addition the Smoking and Conversation Room on the west of the Library has been fitted up with easy chairs and sofas covered with a deep maroon leather and the walls painted a beautiful reseda green and ornamented with various framed Masonic pictures and relics. The rearrangement of the Library Room proper as the result of these additions and alterations is of an exceedingly satisfactory character. The present walnut book-cases have been placed against the walls, whilst on the south side of the room are placed tables for the purposes of reading and writing. On the north side the several walnut cases for the display of the Museum of Masonic relics, etc. have been placed and when these are properly illuminated with electric light they will present a very satisfactory, but only partial, solution of the question of a proper display of the many hundreds of objects of Masonic interest the property of Grand Lodge and under the control of your Committee.

The following additions to our Library and Museum have been received during the past year and proper acknowledgment has been made to the donors :—

The R. W. Deputy Grand Master, Brother GEORGE W. KENDRICK, Jr., has deposited in the Library his Masonic jewels, numbering 23 pieces of gold and silver and ornamented with precious stones, which will be properly framed and will make an interesting and valuable addition to the large collection of Masonic jewels, numbering 217 pieces, now the property of Grand Lodge. When Bro. KENDRICK becomes R. W. Grand Master he will have occupied all the highest positions in the Grand Bodies of this Jurisdiction.

From Bro. W. A. MACCALLA and MRS. M. MACCALLA FOSTER, son and daughter of Past Grand Master Bro. CLIFFORD P. MACCALLA, his Masonic jewels and the books on Freemasonry from his Library.

From Bro. JACOB W. JACKSON, one of the oldest Past Masters of Franklin Lodge, No. 134, a finely hand painted and embroidered apron dated 1813.

Lodge No. 51 has deposited a punk boat from China and used at their Table Lodge for the past sixty years, two blue china pitchers purchased in 1793, two decorated and gilt china pitchers purchased in 1813 and 13 pieces of china and glass from the set of china purchased by the Lodge in London in 1809.

From the Committee on the Sesqui-centennial Anniversary of the Initiation of Brother GEORGE WASHINGTON a fine walnut case, containing the souvenir medals and plates and seven volumes bound in half-morocco with all the invitations, programs, menus, newspaper clippings, cards of admission, and letters connected with that event.

In addition to the above your Committee has secured by purchase the following :—

The Sentimental and Masonic Magazine, Volumes 1 to 5, Dublin, 1792-1794. Brother W. J. CHETWOODE CRAWLEY, R. W. Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, in writing to the Librarian and congratulating the Grand Lodge on obtaining these volumes further says, "the Sentimental and Masonic Magazine is one of the rarest sets in Masonic literature."

A complete set of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England from 1770 to date.

Almost complete sets of The Freemason and of The Freemason's Chronicle both published in England.

Through gifts and purchase the china Masonic pitchers, plates etc. now number 127 pieces, and the medals and mark pennies now number nearly 900 pieces.

The work of the past year has been unfortunately hindered and materially delayed by the serious illness of the Librarian, Brother GEORGE P. RUPP. He is gradually recovering from his sickness

and we hope that during the year which we are about to enter he may be sufficiently restored to resume the work of his place, so that the plans in contemplation may be properly developed.

After the close of the Loan Exhibition of Frankliniana, your Committee will be prepared to make additional suggestions for the enlargement of the Museum and the proper display of the many rare and interesting Masonic relics belonging to Grand Lodge.

Fraternally yours,

LOUIS WAGNER, *Chairman*,
I. LAYTON REGISTER,
WILLIAM D. McILROY,
SAMUEL W. LATTA,
CHARLES L. LOCKWOOD,
JOHN WANAMAKER,

Committee on Library.

A petition for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be held at New Castle, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

A petition for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be held at Belle Vernon, Fayette County, Pennsylvania, was received, and, on motion, referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

An appeal was received from Brothers A. S., Jr., and A. F. W., of Lodge No. —, appealing from the final action of said Lodge in the matter of the trial of Brother T. W. C., a F. C. M., and member of Lodge No. —, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

The following Preamble and Resolution offered by Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, Brother George B. Orlady, was adopted:

WHEREAS, a fund is now being collected by the charitably disposed citizens of Philadelphia, without regard to creed, sex or nationality, for the relief of the oppressed and helpless Jews in Russia ;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons, in that spirit of universal charity which is a fundamental characteristic of the Fraternity, do hereby appropriate the sum of five hundred dollars to pay to the Treasurer of the Fund, of which Brother William B. Hackenburg is Chairman, now being raised in this city for the purpose referred to.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 9 o'clock 5 minutes P.M.

William A. Sinn
Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

ANNUAL GRAND COMMUNICATION.

Held at Philadelphia, December 27, A.D. 1905, A.L. 5905.

PRESENT:

Bro. JAMES W. BROWN . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
“ GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR. . .	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
“ GEORGE B. ORLADY . . .	<i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
“ GEORGE W. GUTHRIE . . .	<i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
“ WILLIAM B. HACKENBURG . . .	<i>Acting R. W. Grand Treasurer.</i>
“ WILLIAM A. SINN . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>
“ JOHN A. PERRY . . .	<i>Deputy Grand Secretary.</i>
“ WILLIAM J. KELLY . . .	<i>R. W. Past Grand Masters.</i>
“ EDGAR A. TENNIS . . .	
“ JOHN W. LANSINGER . . .	
“ WILLIAM L. GORGAS . . .	<i>D. D. Grand Masters.</i>
“ SAMUEL M. GOODYEAR . . .	
“ GEORGE H. SHIRK . . .	
“ THADDEUS S. ADLE . . .	
“ ADAM H. SCHMEHL . . .	
“ CHARLES S. VANDEGRIFT . . .	
“ AARON R. TRUMBOWER . . .	
“ MATTHEW M. MACMILLAN . . .	
“ WILSON I. FLEMING . . .	
“ WILLIAM B. MEREDITH . . .	
“ JAMES HARRIS MUSSINA . . .	
“ JOHN D. GOFF . . .	
“ WILLIAM H. MAXWELL . . .	

Bro. J. GRAY BOLTON, D.D. . . .	}	<i>Grand Chaplains.</i>
" WILLIAM B. CHALFANT, D.D.		
" CHARLES H. BOND		
" GEORGE W. MACLAUGHLIN, D.D.		
" FRANK B. LYNCH, D.D. . .		
" SAMUEL P. KELLY	}	<i>Senior Grand Deacon.</i>
" JOHN L. KINSEY		
" CHARLES W. PACKER . . .		
" CHARLES K. BEECHER . . .		
" JOHN W. LANSINGER . . .	}	<i>Junior Grand Deacon.</i>
" WILLIAM J. DIEHL		
" GEORGE J. VANDEGRIFT . .	}	<i>Grand Stewards.</i>
" CHARLES S. BAIR		
" SAMUEL W. WRAY		
" WILLIAM J. DIEHL		
" GEORGE J. VANDEGRIFT . .	}	<i>Grand Marshal.</i>
" CHARLES S. BAIR		
" SAMUEL W. WRAY	}	<i>Grand Sword Bearer.</i>
" WILLIAM J. DIEHL		
" GEORGE J. VANDEGRIFT . .	}	<i>Grand Pursuivant.</i>
" CHARLES S. BAIR		
" SAMUEL W. WRAY	}	<i>Grand Tyler.</i>
" WILLIAM J. DIEHL		

One hundred and three Lodges represented.

Grand Lodge opened in ample form at 10 o'clock 5 minutes A.M.

Copies of proposed Amendments to By-Laws were received and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

The Committee on Appeals made the following report, and the resolution attached thereto was adopted :

PHILADELPHIA, December 27, A.D. 1905, A.L. 5905.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

In the matter of the Appeal of Brothers A. S., Jr. and A. J. W., from the action of Lodge No.—, the Committee on Appeals respectfully report :—

The appellants on May 2, 1905, preferred charges against

Brother P. W. C., a Fellow Craft Mason, in which he is accused of conduct unbecoming a Mason:

1. That he was leading an immoral life.
2. That he was keeping a woman in a certain house of ill fame and boasted that her father and two brothers were Master Masons.

It appears that C. was proposed for initiation and membership on December 6, 1904, in Lodge No. —, both the appellants, S. and W. being his recommenders. He received the Entered Apprentice Degree, January 10, 1905, was Crafted February 10, 1905, without an oral or written objection from either of these Brothers.

The only evidence offered was that of keeping company with a prostitute and associating with other common women. The idle boast of C. as to her father and two brothers being Master-Masons was vague and incredible, being the result of a conversation with S., not very clearly shown by the latter's testimony and denied by C., who certainly was not aware of the duties devolving upon a Brother Master Mason.

The testimony produced before the Trial Committee was disgusting and utterly failed to show a Masonic offense. The appellants both well knew of the accused's mode of life when they joined in becoming his recommenders, permitted his election and allowed the two degrees to be conferred upon him without objection on their part.

Their motive for preferring the charge within a few months thereafter is not disclosed by the evidence; there is no hesitation in saying that it should never have had a place on the records of a Masonic Lodge.

A Lodge is not to be made a place for avenging frivolous or fancied grievances. Charges affecting the character and Masonic standing of a Brother is too serious a matter to be used for other than grave Masonic offenses; they should be fully prepared for trial and when presented must be supported by substantial testimony. Publicity of this kind, even if untrue, can easily bring disgrace upon an innocent person, but if proven, the offense and evidence should be such as to warrant the Lodge inflicting deserved punishment upon the offending Brother.

The Trial Committee reported the charges not proven and the

accused not guilty, which the Lodge unanimously approved, both the accusers being present; the Committee on Appeals endorse its action as just and proper; they offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal of Brothers A. S., Jr. and A. J. W. from the action of Lodge No. — be dismissed.

Fraternally submitted for the Committee,

WILLIAM B. HACKENBURG.

Chairman.

The Committee on Appeals made the following report, and the resolution attached thereto was adopted:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

In the matter of the appeal of Brother J. E. S. from the action of Lodge No. —, in failing to render what he conceived to be a proper finding upon the charges preferred by him against Brother S. M. T., the Committee on Appeals respectfully report:—

From the records of the Trial Committee it appears that the appellant preferred charges against Brother T. for gross unmasonic conduct, that he then being Postmaster at Parker City, Pa. and Secretary of Lodge No. — surreptitiously took possession of and opened what proved to be a letter from an anonymous writer addressed

Masonic Order,

Parker,

Care of W. Parker.

Pa.

containing false, scandalous and malicious accusations against him (S), that after opening the letter he made it his special business to show and publish it among the Brethren to the injury of his good name, his Masonic standing and reputation; that he further used the statement contained in that letter to procure his defeat at the ensuing election for Worshipful Master, he being at that time Senior Warden of the Lodge.

The contents of the letter affected not only S's standing as a Mason and good character in the community in which he lived

but the fair name of the wife of a Master Mason, a member of Lodge No. —, was also involved.

The charges were duly referred to a Trial Committee. The Worshipful Master appointed the Committee but afterwards changed the name of one appointee in consequence of his absence from the place and inability to attend its meetings, which was proper for him to do without consulting the Brother who preferred the charges. But at the time of the appointment in open Lodge, the appellant objected to one or more of the appointees as they were to be summoned as witnesses; the Worshipful Master however allowed them to remain, they becoming part of the Trial Committee; this was a serious error, contrary to Masonic usage and to a decision of the R. W. Grand Master, Brother Brown, published in 1904. (Proceedings of Grand Lodge, page 220): "One who is to be called as a witness cannot serve as a member of a Trial Committee."

The appellant requested the Worshipful Master after the appointment of the Committee to remove Bro. T. from the office of Secretary pending the trial, which was refused; this also was an error on his part upon which point R. W. Grand Master Brother Brown again decided as follows: "Directed the Worshipful Master of a Lodge to suspend the Secretary from performing the duties of that office pending the trial of charges against him; and if he should be found not guilty of said charges he is to be reinstated in his office as Secretary." (Proceedings of Grand Lodge 1904, page 219.)

There can be no question that the power for appointment of all Committees not otherwise provided for in the By-Laws is vested solely in the Worshipful Master, but when a Brother preferring charges against another presents good reasons for not appointing one on a Trial Committee it is the duty of the W. M. to give the protest proper consideration; had he done so in these instances, he would have avoided two bad mistakes.

The proceedings of the Trial Committee were written with lead pencil; this was improper and should not have been permitted; the full record must be written with pen and ink, except the proceedings are stenographically reported, when type-writing can be used.

Although Brother T. was the Secretary of the Lodge he was not vested with the right, nor authorized to open a letter addressed

Masonic Order,

Parker,

Care of W. Parker.

Pa.

Brother P., to whom the letter on the inside was addressed, is a Past Master of Lodge No. —; he however not alone unlawfully opened it but adopted an unmasonic method of circulating a malicious and slanderous charge against a member of his Lodge, as well as attacking the character and good name of the wife of a Master Mason, also a member of the Lodge, which charge would be a grave Masonic offense and if proven should justly result in the expulsion of the offending Brother.

T. showed this letter to the Worshipful Master of Lodge No. —, who dismissed it as not worthy of notice. Instead of his adopting the safe course and destroying the letter, thus protecting the good name of a Brother, he made use of it in the manner herein indicated. That this action constituted a Masonic offense cannot for a moment be denied.

It is further charged and proven that T. made improper use of the letter as a weapon to defeat S., who was then Senior Warden, for advancement to the office of Worshipful Master, by unwarranted and unlawful electioneering within and outside the Lodge Room. This was unmasonic and must be unqualifiedly condemned.

He did not deny opening the letter and publishing its contents, but defends his conduct by saying: "As Secretary of the Lodge I thought it my duty for the good of the Order, and regarded the letter as a charge against S." If that was his true and sincere conception of duty why did he not formulate regular charges against S. and ask the Lodge for an investigation instead of assuming the part of a defamer of a Brother and the wife of another Brother.

A wise Masonic regulation provides that a profane cannot prefer charges against a Mason. (Proceedings 1885, page 17.) Bro. T. who is an old Past Master and Secretary of his Lodge, and who must certainly have been cognizant of this rule, appar-

ently made no effort to ascertain the truth or falsity of the anonymous statement, but assuming it to be true deliberately published it to the Brethren of the Lodge, thereby taking upon himself the sole responsibility, for which he should suffer. If we were to accept his idea of duty the character and reputation of every member of the Craft would be in constant jeopardy.

A writer who in an anonymous communication attacks the good name and character of another person is a coward whose statement is unworthy of notice, unless accompanied with positive evidence as to the truth. A weapon of this kind is too dangerous to be viewed with the favorable consideration given it by Brother T.

A report of the Committee on Appeals by Brother George W. Guthrie, approved by Grand Lodge in 1902, page 16 of the Proceedings, so fully covers this case that we add a portion of it as a part of this Report.

“That such a statement by one Mason concerning another, if untrue, is gross unmasonic conduct, would seem too clear for argument. It is hard to imagine a statement more calculated to destroy the harmony of the Lodge. If the circulation of an untrue statement, such as that complained of, be not incompatible with the duty of one Mason to another, then Masonic Brotherhood is a sham. Nor would the fact that the statement was made on information received from another Mason relieve the appellant from responsibility for repeating it, where, as the evidence shows in this case, he does so of his own knowledge, but, acting on insufficient evidence and without giving his Brother in Masonry an opportunity to defend his character, he has assumed the responsibility and on his own authority given currency to a disgraceful charge which turns out to be untrue, and he must bear the consequences. According to the evidence, he went further and voluntarily repeated the story, not as something which he had heard, and thought ought to be investigated, but as something which he knew to be true. As the story has been found to be untrue, he wronged the character of a Brother, and committed an offense against Masonry.”

The errors of the Worshipful Master are in themselves sufficient cause to rescind the action of the Lodge, but a careful

examination of the charges and proceedings of the trial warrant the Committee on Appeals in deciding that the charges instituted by Brother S. were proven; the Lodge having failed to act in accordance with the evidence its finding should be set aside and the case remitted to the Lodge for a new trial.

We offer the following resolution :

Resolved, That the appeal of Brother J. E. S. from the action of Lodge No. — be sustained, the action of the Lodge be set aside and the proceedings be referred back for a new trial and further action by the Lodge.

Fraternally submitted for the Committee,

WILLIAM B. HACKENBURG,
Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

The Committee on Correspondence submitted their annual report (see Appendix), which was referred to the Grand Officers, with power to print.

The Committee on Correspondence made the following report, when on motion the resolutions were adopted :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania :

The Committee on Correspondence, having had under consideration the applications for recognition from the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico and the Grand Lodge of Queensland, recommend the adoption of the following :

Resolved, That the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania hereby extends fraternal recognition to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Queensland, with best wishes for its prosperity.

Resolved, That the application of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico for recognition be not granted.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES M. LAMBERTON,

Chairman.

PHILADELPHIA, December 27, 1905.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

The Committee on By-Laws made the following report, and the resolutions attached thereto were adopted :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons :

Your Committee on By-Laws respectfully report that they have examined the By-Laws and Amendments to By-Laws referred to them and offer the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Lodges Nos. 273 and 444 be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed amendment to the By-Laws of Lodge No. 108 be amended by striking out the word "voluntarily." And that as so amended it be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 108 be amended as follows :

Article III, Section 3.—By striking out the last clause of the section.

Article III, Section 4.—By striking out the words "upon the Master's approval of his work."

And that as so amended they be approved.

Resolved, That the proposed By-Laws of Lodge No. 636 be amended as follows :

Article III, Section 2.—By striking out in the 13th line the word “such” and inserting in lieu thereof the word “his.”

Article IV, Section 1.—By striking out the words “at least.”

Article VI, Section 2.—By striking out the words “excepting Warrant members who shall pay \$40.”

By changing the number of Article VIII to Article XI, and renumbering the other Articles as noted on the copies.

And that as so amended they be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES CARY,
JAMES S. BARBER,
CHARLES F. WIGNALL,
JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON,
SYLVESTER S. GARWOOD,

Committee on By-Laws.

PHILADELPHIA, December 27, 1905.

REPORT OF THE ALMONERS OF THE GRAND LODGE CHARITY FUND.

The Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons :

The Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund respectfully report and herewith present a statement of their proceedings during the year 1905.

They have received and favorably acted upon five hundred and nineteen (519) applications for relief. The applicants represent the following Jurisdictions :

Pennsylvania	477
Delaware	17
Arkansas	3
Alabama	1
Florida	2
Virginia	3
New York	1
Illinois	2
Ohio	2
South Dakota	3
New Jersey	3
Nova Scotia	2
Scotland	2
England	1
Total	<u>519</u>

CASH ACCOUNT.

Appropriation for use of Class No. 1 . . .	\$1600.00
“ “ “ 2 . . .	1000.00
“ “ “ 3 . . .	1000.00
“ “ “ 4 . . .	1600.00
	<u>\$5200.00</u>
Amount granted to 519 applicants . . .	5195.00
Balance,	<u>5.00</u>

Brother William C. Mackie, representing Lodge No. 81, and Brother J. George Cope, representing Lodge No. 450, died during the year.

We have been short of money three different times during the past year and thank you for the increased appropriation.

AMOS H. HALL,

President, Board of Almoners.

PHILADELPHIA, December 27, 1905.

REPORT OF THE STEWARDS OF THE STEPHEN GIRARD CHARITY FUND.

The Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons :

The undersigned, on behalf of the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund, submit the following report of their proceedings for the year ending December 26, 1905 :

Balance on hand December 26, 1904	\$2090.00
Amount appropriated to Class No. 1	\$700.00
" " " 2	550.00
" " " 3	550.00
" " " 4	700.00
	2500.00
	\$4590.00

In the performance of their official duty the Stewards granted relief on one hundred and twenty-seven applications from poor and respectable Brethren, to wit :

121 from the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania	\$2540.00
1 " " " Ireland	10.00
1 " " " Scotland	10.00
1 " " " Massachusetts	25.00
2 " " " New York	50.00
1 " " " England	5.00
127	2640.00
Balance remaining December 26, 1905	\$1950.00

Respectfully submitted,

BARCLAY J. WOODWARD,

President of Stewards.

PHILADELPHIA, December 27, 1905.

REPORT OF THE BURSARS OF THE THOMAS R. PATTON MEMORIAL CHARITY FUND.

The Bursars of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund made the following report, which was ordered to be entered and filed :

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons:

The Bursars of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund respectfully report that during the past year they have expended the following amounts to the persons entitled to the benefits of the said fund:

Class No. 1 to 92 applicants	.	.	\$749.00
“ “ 2 “ 94 “	.	.	766.00
“ “ 3 “ 90 “	.	.	730.00
“ “ 4 “ 91 “	.	.	748.00
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Total 367			\$2993.00

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL H. RHOADS,

President of the Board.

PHILADELPHIA, December 26, 1905.

An appeal was received from G. M. N., formerly a member of Lodge No. —, appealing from the action of said Lodge in suspending him, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

ADDRESS OF THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER.

Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother JAMES W. BROWN delivered the following address:

Brethren of Grand Lodge:

The last year of my administration of the office of Grand Master has passed into history; like the first year, it has been one of peace and harmony and I have no unusual occurrences to refer to.

It is with profound gratitude to Our Heavenly Father, for His guidance and strength in the performance of my

duties of this very responsible position and with mingled feelings of regret and satisfaction that I close my official relations with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania—regret, that I shall not hereafter have the personal contact and association with the Brethren of this great Jurisdiction which I have had in my office as Grand Master, and which has been marked alone by courtesy, respect and kindness unto me, during the period of my office; and satisfaction, that I leave our Grand Lodge and the Fraternity in the Jurisdiction at the zenith of their prosperity, in perfect harmony among all the Craft, and in cordial and friendly relations with all Grand Lodges throughout the world that the strict principles of our Ancient Brotherhood permit us to recognize.

With no inducements to offer and no solicitations to any, our Craft grows with great rapidity; our Lodges increase in membership from the wisest, most prominent and best men of our Commonwealth. They grow in material prosperity and are yearly dispensing more charity and help to the desolate orphans and widows and our unfortunate Brethren.

There is now, I believe, absolute uniformity in the authorized work throughout the Jurisdiction, and the Ancient Tenets and Landmarks were never more strictly adhered to than at this present time. Much praise and thanks are due to the District Deputy Grand Masters for their efficient efforts to promote this uniformity and maintain our ancient standards, and I sincerely thank them one and all.

My gratitude is also extended for the unselfish and

untiring work of those Brethren who have helped to establish and maintain the several Schools of Instruction now established in different cities in our Jurisdiction, and particularly to the Officers and Teachers of the Temple School of Instruction, and the efficient Official Instructor for the benefits accomplished by their efforts.

During the past year, the work of decorating the Temple has been finished in every portion of the building where it was begun or contracted for, and while the amount of money expended has been large and exceeded the original estimate, we have in what is now finished, something of more than ordinary beauty and attraction, surpassing, in my judgment, any building in the country except the Congressional Library in Washington, and it seems fitting—in this great historical city, the cradle of Freemasonry in America, as it was the cradle of American Independence, the home of Benjamin Franklin, the abode of Washington during the early years of the country's freedom as a people, the meeting place of the first Continental Congress—that the largest building in the world devoted to Freemasonry, should be a thing of beauty and worthy of the dignity of the oldest Jurisdiction in America.

It is well to remember gratefully the labor and thought expended upon this work of decoration by the Committee on Temple.

The Library shows the very great amount of care expended upon it by the Committee on Library, and in its present finished condition, with the arrangement of

the Masonic Museum by our efficient Librarian, commands the approval of us all.

I have referred to Benjamin Franklin in a previous paragraph, the fourth Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, a patriot, a statesman, one of the most gifted of men, earning from his efficient abilities the name of "The Many-Sided Franklin," a strong figure in our national history, the companion of Washington, the country's Representative abroad during the darkest days of the young republic, an enthusiastic Freemason, and history shows his participation in Masonic functions while in England and in France. Time does not permit me to dwell upon his career, but this Grand Lodge cherishes and reveres his memory, and it seems fitting that we commemorate the approaching 200th anniversary of his birth. I am glad that an appropriation was made by the Grand Lodge to permit an exhibition of his relics under the auspices of the Committee on Library.

I wish to call the attention of the Craft and particularly the Officers of Lodges, to the very comprehensive instructions, embraced in the new Form for Recording Minutes recently issued. The work of preparing these new instructions, has been done by the Grand Secretary and the Deputy Grand Secretary, and after a careful inspection and consideration of them, I recommend them to all intrusted with the proper forms of Masonic Lodge work and believe they now contain a complete digest of Masonic Law relating to the duties of Lodge Secretaries.

I am pleased to congratulate the Managers of the Masonic Home upon its success in the work it is doing, and the promise of a bright future, made more than certain by their unselfish devotion to its welfare.

I am greatly pleased that the Grand Lodge can again resume the reduction of its bonded indebtedness, as recommended by the Committee on Finance in its last report. Our debt is now less than \$200,000;—it was \$1,800,000—a wonderful testimony to our growth and prosperity.

My official acts :

BEQUESTS.

I have received and turned over to the Committee on Library, as per terms of the will, a number of books, Masonic jewels, badges, coins, medals, as well as a representation in silk of a Temple, from the estate of Mrs. Sarah Jane Young, deceased, who was the widow of Brother John L. Young, a Past Master of Phoenix Lodge, No. 130.

DECISIONS.

The Worshipful Master has no power or authority to direct the Secretary to enclose a circular of any kind, more particularly one relating to a business enterprise—in the notices of the meetings of a Lodge—neither has the Secretary a right to do so, or to furnish the names of members of a Lodge by which another may do so.

An unaffiliated Brother Master Mason in good Masonic standing may apply to any Lodge for mem-

bership. The certificate issued by the Lodge from which he withdrew must accompany his petition.

Declined to issue a Dispensation to a Lodge to hold a special election for Senior Warden.

There cannot be two forms of notices of a Lodge meeting. Every notice for a particular meeting must contain the same information.

No Lodge may rent its rooms to the Order of the Eastern Star. That organization is not recognized by this Grand Lodge.

Newspaper accounts of meetings of Masonic Lodges, elections and proceedings, are not only not permitted, but are prohibited.

Officers of a Lodge may meet for rehearsal in one of the Committee-rooms of the Masonic Temple, provided the room is properly tyled.

No lecture or address of any character may be delivered to a Lodge, without submission first to the Grand Master, and his approval obtained.

It is a law in this Jurisdiction that all correspondence affecting Subordinate Lodges of the several Jurisdictions is to be conducted by the several Grand Masters thereof.

The Worshipful Master of the Lodge is the one to construe the law. Should he err, there is an appeal to the Grand Master.

Set aside the unlawful action of a Lodge, because, in the absence of the Worshipful Master, the Senior and Junior Wardens, the Lodge was opened and Work performed, without permission of the Grand Master. Such action was contrary to the Ahiman Rezon.

A Lodge in this Jurisdiction cannot confer any Degrees upon one approved, or who has received a portion of the Degrees in another Jurisdiction. The Ahiman Rezon states that "a Lodge cannot advance any but its own members."

The decision printed in the Proceedings of 1904, page 217, should read: No inquiries need be made of Lodges in Bellevue or Sewickley as to petitioners to Lodges in Pittsburgh, residents of Coraopolis, on account of accessibility.

One with two thumbs on one hand is physically disqualified.

A stenographer (a Master Mason) may be employed in taking testimony at a trial.

The name of a Lodge is not to be used for advertising fairs, excursions, picnics, etc., and the funds of the Lodge must not be used for any but Masonic purposes. A Lodge at refreshment is still a Lodge.

The use of the Lodge name, Lodge room or Lodge funds for any but Masonic purposes is prohibited.

An unaffiliated Master Mason may appear as the friend of an accused Brother at a trial.

On pages 167 and 168, of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge for 1899, appears a decision of one of my predecessors, to the effect that the failure of a Committee of Inquiry to report within four months on a petition for initiation and membership, does not have the effect of a rejection, but renders the petition null and void, and such voiding of the petition shall not release the control of the Lodge in which it was presented; and such petitioner, if he again petitions, must do so to the same Lodge.

So much of said decision as applies to the petitioner remaining under the control of the Lodge in which his petition was first presented, is hereby revoked. He may petition any Lodge.

Decided that the Worshipful Master erred in not allowing action of the Lodge on a motion to take a second ballot on a petitioner, because the fee had been returned to him. The fee could have been paid after approval and before initiation.

Decided that a man with a club-foot is physically disqualified.

Decided that residents of Morton may petition either a Lodge at Moores or Media without inquiry being made of the other as heretofore.

Decided that Lodges meeting in the Temple at Philadelphia can act upon petitions from residents of Clifton or Clifton Heights and Darby, without inquiry being made of the Lodge at Moores.

A Dispensation to Pass to the Chair is permissive, not mandatory, and the Lodge should say what action shall be taken thereon.

I have declared "Crafton" neutral territory so far as relates to Pittsburgh and Carnegie. The changes in Borough lines bring these points almost adjacent.

Declined to approve of a petition for a Warrant of a Lodge in which the English language would not be spoken.

Examinations by individual members is not permitted. The proper way is by a Committee of a Lodge appointed by the Worshipful Master within tyled doors.

Any competent Brother (Master Mason) may be appointed Chaplain.

The name of an objector and the reasons for the objection should not be entered in the minutes. The reason for an oral objection need not be stated.

The Auditing Committee should examine and report upon the accounts of the Treasurer, Secretary, Trustees and Committees holding funds and investments of a Lodge at least once every year.

No Lodge in this Jurisdiction may receive a petition for initiation and membership or for membership from one who has a petition pending in another Jurisdiction.

It is not within the power of the Grand Master to set aside a rejection unless it has been unlawfully done.

Amendments to By-Laws are not in force until the advice of the Grand Secretary, that such amendments have been approved by Grand Lodge has been received by and read in open Lodge at a stated meeting.

A second petition shall be subject to the same proceedings by the Lodge as in the case of a first petition, except that it cannot be withdrawn until a ballot has been taken and the petitioner approved; thus revoking a decision made by one of my predecessors, to be found on pages 101 and 102 in the Proceedings of 1901.

I have declared the office of Worshipful Master of Lodge No. — vacant, owing to the removal from this Jurisdiction of the Brother who was installed Worshipful Master.

I have declared “Kaylor” neutral territory so far as relates to Chicora and East Brady.

It has been long established, in this Jurisdiction, that a citizen thereof may petition any Lodge he sees fit, but if he does petition a Lodge other than the one nearest his place of residence, inquiry must be made of the Lodge nearest his place of residence and a favorable reply received to said inquiry before action can be taken. A citizen of this Jurisdiction who receives the degrees of Freemasonry abroad while temporarily ab-

sent, cannot be allowed to visit one of our Lodges ; and members must be warned to have no Masonic intercourse with such.

No dues should be charged to a Brother after his suspension and until his admission as a member.

DISPENSATIONS.

I have issued Dispensations to Lodges to hold special elections for Treasurers and Secretaries, to fill vacancies for various causes.

A Dispensation has been granted by me to Dallas Lodge, No. 508, to continue Masonic labors, until the next Communication of Grand Lodge, owing to the fact that its Warrant has been lost, mislaid, or destroyed.

HEALING.

I have healed the unlawful action of Lodges in approving and initiating petitioners under an improper name, which was not discovered until report was made to the Grand Secretary, also action by Lodges before receiving a reply from the Grand Secretary to inquiry.

CORNER-STONES.

April 10.—Issued a Dispensation to Brother THOMAS F. WELLS, District Deputy Grand Master, to lay the corner-stone of a Church at Peckville.

May 12.—Accompanied by a corps of Grand Lodge Officers, I laid the corner-stone of the High-School at Altoona.

Aug. 21.—Issued a Dispensation to Brother GEORGE H. SHIRK, District Deputy Grand Master, to lay the corner-stone of a Church at New Freedom.

Sept. 12.—Accompanied by a corps of Grand Lodge Officers, I laid the corner-stone of a Masonic Hall at McKeesport.

NEW LODGES.

Accompanied by a corps of Grand Lodge Officers the following Lodges have been constituted during the year, viz. :

No. 634 at Pittsburgh, March 24, 1905.

No. 635 at Pittsburgh, March 23, 1905.

No. 636 at Philadelphia, April 17, 1905.

No. 637 at Alliance, June 5, 1905.

No. 638 at Monessen, November 23, 1905.

No. 641 at McKeesport, September 12, 1905.

And Lodges Nos. 639 and 640 were constituted severally by Brothers J. HARRIS MUSSINA and WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, District Deputy Grand Masters, at Saint Marys, June 27, 1905, and at East Brady, July 19, 1905, by virtue of Dispensations issued by me.

PHYSICAL DISQUALIFICATIONS.

This subject has been referred to by all of my predecessors, and is the cause of much pressure upon the Grand Master, who has no power or desire to violate the law.

The Brethren would save much time and attention by a reference to the law on the subject, contained in the Ahiman Rezon, which all are bound “to keep, support, maintain and abide by.”

VISITATIONS.

A number of informal visitations have been made to Lodges at which a large number of Brethren have manifested their interest in attendance.

The Temple School of Instruction in Philadelphia, and the School of Instruction in Pittsburgh, have also been visited, when a rehearsal of the work was exemplified.

The latest visitation was at the semi-centennial exercises of Mitchell Lodge, No. 296, at Germantown, which were of a most pleasing character.

Finally, my Brethren, I thank you for the honors you have conferred upon me, I thank you all for your courtesy and kindness, and willing help from all the Brethren I have asked to assist me in the affairs of the Grand Lodge, and I commend you all and this Grand Lodge to the care of Our Heavenly Father.

I relinquish my station to my worthy successor with a firm belief that under his administration the ancient faith of our Craft will be kept inviolate, and with his wise guidance, we shall attain greater prosperity and influence, and maintain the dignity now enjoyed by this Grand Lodge throughout the Masonic world.

Brother FRANK H. ROBINSON, Most Worshipful Grand Master of New York, accompanied by his Grand Marshal, Brother ROBERT JUDSON KENWORTHY, was pleased to visit Grand Lodge, and was received with the customary honors.

Brother CHARLES C. HUTCHINSON, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of Massachusetts, was pleased to visit Grand Lodge, and was received with the customary honors.

So much of the minutes of the Quarterly Communication, held December 6, A.D. 1905, A.L. 5905, as relates to the election of Grand Officers was read.

The following-named Brethren were duly installed in their respective stations for the ensuing Masonic year in ancient and solemn form, were thrice proclaimed as such, and received the salutations of the Craft :

BRO. GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR.	<i>R. W. Grand Master.</i>
" GEORGE B. ORLADY . . .	<i>R. W. Deputy Grand Master.</i>
" GEORGE W. GUTHRIE . . .	<i>R. W. Senior Grand Warden.</i>
" WILLIAM L. GORGAS . . .	<i>R. W. Junior Grand Warden.</i>
" WILLIAM A. SINN . . .	<i>R. W. Grand Secretary.</i>

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother WILLIAM J. KELLY, addressed Grand Lodge and announced that the continued illness of Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer Brother THOMAS R. PATTON, prevented his presence for installation and requested the Right Worshipful Grand Master to communicate to Brother PATTON the sincere sympathy of Grand Lodge.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother GEORGE W. KENDRICK, Jr., informed Grand Lodge that he would personally call upon Brother PATTON and express to him the profound sadness manifested by the Brethren on this occasion.

Brother JOSIAH W. EWAN, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of New Jersey, was pleased to visit Grand Lodge, and was received with the customary honors.

ADDRESS OF THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER.

Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., delivered the following address:

BRETHREN OF GRAND LODGE:

“Words are but empty thoughts” to express to Grand Lodge my gratitude at this time. Between the infinities of the past and future, hopes and desires, doubts and fears, I stand upon the height of my finite ambition.

If it be true as Tennyson wrote, “I am a part of all I have met,” then should I be able during my term in the East to show my gratitude—for inclination grows strong in me to do what is right, and my experience and intimacy with and affection for my illustrious predecessors during almost half a cycle of years should qualify me to follow with humility and reliance in their footsteps. The path has been blazed these many centuries, so that one who travels with eyes open and heart pure should reach the goal with certainty. Our Great Light teaches us that the Great Architect first made Heaven and Earth and all things that in them are; and afterward man was created after His own image. And man comes with his strength and weak-

ness, his aspirations and his disappointments, his physical, mental and moral characteristics, the greatest work of his Creator, and imitates His actions.

Our Fraternity was founded for the purpose of obtaining, collecting and assisting strong and able operative Masons; and looked rather to the development of the physical and mental as contrasted with the moral and spiritual requirements of the work. At the time of its inception the forces of nature were still permitted to run riot in their independence: the brain of man had not yet conceived of the means whereby the physical elements could be controlled and coordinated. To raise a stone required an amount of physical effort not only equal to but exceeding the power of gravitation. To hew the cedar trees the back of man must be bared and bent to pierce the wood with axe. The strength of might was then the force of right, as now it is, but the strength was physical where now it is mental and moral. The contest then was to overcome the external and physical forces and to raise structures that would be not only beautiful but enduring; and the greatest achievement was recognized in the completion of the Temple.

Symbolic Masonry of the present day seems to have developed from operative Masonry in accordance with the suggestion of St. Paul that our bodies were temples that should be guarded and not defiled.

No longer are men banded together in our Fraternity to erect physical structures or overcome physical foes. The light that we follow leads to a keener insight, a

better understanding and a nobler expression of the human faculties. The materials with which we labor are constituent elements of every human being and our purpose is to learn how to use the materials to construct temples of the mind and soul which will be pleasing in the eyes of the Great Architect.

For this work certain essentials are preliminary to success. We must have faith in each other; confidence in the success of our efforts as long as they are rightly directed, and we must cast out envy, hatred and all uncharitableness. Constituted as we are, we strive ever toward the highest and best, confined to no creed nor bound by any political or social lines. Our strength is greatest and our opportunities for good most numerous and therefore our responsibilities, weightiest in times like these, when suspicion lurks in every nook and corner, ready to be swept by the winds of ignorance and discontent to shake the foundations of confidence in God's greatest work—Man.

If during my term in office in this high station I can increase the hopefulness and confidence of the Brethren in themselves and in each other, I shall lay down the gavel with a feeling of pride and satisfaction and with expressions of thanksgiving to the Great Architect for his many mercies.

The large increase in the number of Lodges and members in this Jurisdiction makes necessary some developments in the customs of the previous administrations, not inconsistent with the Landmarks.

From a study of the reports of my predecessors in

office and from my own examinations I am of the opinion that the Grand Master, or his representative, should visit every Lodge in this Jurisdiction at least once during every year. The officers and members of each Lodge are entitled to meet the Grand Master, or his representative, face to face and to hear from him suggestions as to the work ; explanations, if necessary, of his decrees, and the oral assurance of his personal interest in each and every one. Outside of the City of Philadelphia it has long been customary to appoint Deputies to the Grand Master, who should act for him and in his stead. In 1853 there were thirteen such Deputies appointed and a half century later this number had increased to forty-four. The seventy-five Lodges now meeting in the City of Philadelphia make it practically impossible for the Grand Master to give his personal attention to so many in this District and therefore I have determined to appoint six Deputies, to the care of each shall be assigned twelve or more Lodges in this District, and I anticipate with confidence the success of this decision being promptly and generally recognized.

The interior of this building has undergone a transformation, wherein much has been done but much remains to be done. Two of the important rooms, the Grand Chapter Hall and the Gothic Hall, are as yet untouched, but the Committee to which the subject of alterations was referred by Grand Lodge will take up the matter with earnestness in the hope that the work may be completed as speedily as possible.

The William L. Elkins Masonic Orphanage for Girls,

a beautiful edifice, is fast approaching completion and no doubt will be ready for occupancy the coming year, It is a handsome monument to a benevolent citizen and devoted Brother, and speaks well for the great interest he manifested in our Fraternity. We have every reason to be very grateful to our deceased Brother and the members of his family for their generosity.

The year 1906 marks the 200th birthday anniversary of Benjamin Franklin, the distinguished statesman, scientist, diplomat and Mason. It is my intention to commemorate the occasion with appropriate exercises at our March Communication, and I trust we may have a very large attendance.

There will be an exhibition of Frankliniana under the direction of the Committee on Library during the month of March to which I invite the attention of the Craft, as it will be well worth a visit.

The Masonic Home has received the commendation and congratulations of my predecessors in office, but it has not received the financial recognition from this Grand Lodge that its magnificent work so richly deserves. We have cared for Brethren who undoubtedly would have been a care and burden upon our Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund, had it not been for our ability to provide for them at the Home, thereby in a measure relieving us of an additional appropriation which would have been necessitated by the increasing number of applicants.

The prosperity of the Home has been due to the

generosity of the Craft evidenced principally in legacies and subscriptions from Lodges and individuals.

Being an entirely voluntary charity, as all Masonic charities are and should be, it depends upon the aid which the Brethren and the Lodges see fit to give.

With this last reference to a charity that accomplishes much, I ask your charity in thought as well as action. With eyes fixed on the first Great Light and with mind and heart dependent upon your support and co-operation, I look forward to travelling along the road of my administration with fraternal and brotherly kindness.

APPOINTMENTS.

Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., announced the following appointments for the present Masonic year :

Grand Chaplain:

- BRO. CORTLANDT WHITEHEAD, D.D., of Pittsburg.
- “ JAMES W. ROBINS, D.D., of Philadelphia.
- “ CHARLES M. STOCK, D.D., of Hanover.
- “ J. GRAY BOLTON, D.D., of Philadelphia.
- “ GRAFTON T. REYNOLDS, of Vandergrift.
- “ WILLIAM B. CHALFANT, D.D., of Philadelphia.
- “ RICHARD H. WHARTON, of Altoona.
- “ CHARLES H. BOND, of Philadelphia.
- “ GEORGE W. MACLAUGHLIN, D.D., of Philadelphia.
- “ FRANK B. LYNCH, D.D., of Philadelphia.
- “ JOHN P. NORMAN, of Monongahela City.
- “ EDWARD G. LOUGHRY, D.D., of West Newton.
- “ JOHN P. W. BLATTENBERGER, D.D., of Philadelphia.
- “ SAMUEL P. KELLY, of Philadelphia.

- BRO. EDGAR COPE, of Philadelphia.
 “ BENJAMIN F. DELO, of Clarion.
 “ THOMAS M. JACKSON, of Philadelphia.
 “ ROBERT HUNTER D.D., of Philadelphia.
 “ WILLIAM B. WOOD, D.D., of Philadelphia.

Senior Grand Deacon:

BRO. PETER BOYD.

Junior Grand Deacon:

BRO. JAMES M. LAMBERTON.

Grand Stewards:

BRO. CHARLES A. ZERBE.

BRO. HENRY G. BRUNER.

Grand Marshal:

BRO. J. WARNER HUTCHINS.

Grand Sword Bearer:

BRO. WILLIAM J. DIEHL.

Grand Pursuivant:

BRO. CHARLES S. BAIR.

Grand Tyler:

BRO. WILLIAM B. JOSLYN.

Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund:

BRO. JOHN S. STEVENS.

“ STOCKTON BATES.

“ JOHN R. FANSHAW.

“ JESSE J. BARKER.

“ STEPHEN GREENE.

Trustees of the Girard Bequest:

- BRO. JOHN L. THOMSON.
 “ ALEXANDER H. MORGAN.
 “ EDWARD PERRY.
 “ EDWARD B. SPENCER.
 “ GEORGE McCURDY.

Trustees of the Title to the Masonic Temple and other Real Estate of Grand Lodge:

- BRO. GEORGE S. GRAHAM.
 “ S. KINGSTON McCAY.
 “ GEORGE T. OLIVER.
 “ GEORGE W. SPIESE.
 “ H. OSCAR KLINE.

Trustees of the Thomas R. Patton Memorial Charity Fund:

Appointed for life by Brother Thomas R. Patton, R. W. Grand Treasurer, in accordance with his deed of gift.

- BRO. WILLIAM J. KELLY, R. W. Past Grand Master.
 “ PETER BOYD.
 “ JAMES M. LAMBERTON.
 “ EDMUND D. SCHOLEY.
 “ THOMAS R. PATTON, JR.

Trustees of the Stephen Taylor Bequest:

- BRO. HENRY Z. ZIEGLER.
 “ SAMUEL W. WRAY.
 “ THEODORE E. WIEDERSHEIM.
 “ GEORGE W. HALL, Lodge No. 121.
 “ HENRY W. SMITH.

Trustees of the Charles Jackson McClary Memorial Funds:

- BRO. THOMAS R. PATTON, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
 “ PETER BOYD.
 “ LOUIS WAGNER.
 “ EDWIN S. STUART.
 “ GEORGE W. KENDRICK, 3D.

Trustees of the Maxwell Sommerville Bequests:

- BRO. JAMES W. BROWN, R. W. Past Grand Master.
 “ PETER BOYD.
 “ JAMES I. BUCHANAN.
 “ EDGAR F. SMITH.
 “ THOMAS C. STELLWAGEN.

Commissioners of Sinking Fund:

- BRO. MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, R. W. Past Grand Master.
 “ SAMUEL B. DICK, R. W. Past Grand Master.
 “ HENRY M. DECHERT.
 “ ATWOOD SMITH.
 “ DANIEL BAIRD, JR.

Committee on Landmarks:

- BRO. SAMUEL B. DICK, R. W. Past Grand Master.
 “ MATTHIAS H. HENDERSON, R. W. Past Grand Master.
 “ WILLIAM J. KELLY, R. W. Past Grand Master.
 “ EDGAR A. TENNIS, R. W. Past Grand Master.
 “ JAMES W. BROWN, R. W. Past Grand Master.
 WITH THE R. W. GRAND MASTER and
 R. W. DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Committee on Appeals:

- BRO. WILLIAM B. HACKENBURG.
 “ ABRAHAM M. BEITLER.
 “ CASPER DULL.
 “ GEORGE C. BURGWIN.
 “ MURDOCH KENDRICK.

Committee on Finance:

- BRO. MAX RIEBENACK.
 “ AZARIAH W. HOOPES.
 “ EZRA S. BARTLETT.
 “ FRANK M. HIGHLEY.
 “ WILLIAM McCONWAY.

Committee on Correspondence:

- BRO. JAMES M. LAMBERTON.
 “ LEE S. SMITH.
 “ WILLIAM N. SEIBERT.
 “ GEORGE A. HOWE.
 “ Z. TAYLOR RICKARDS.

Committee on By-Laws:

- BRO. CHARLES CARY.
 “ JAMES S. BARBER.
 “ CHARLES F. WIGNALL.
 “ NORRIS S. BARRATT.
 “ JAMES McCONNELL.

Committee on Printing and Publishing:

- BRO. M. RICHARDS MUCKLÉ.
 “ WILLIAM H. BELLOWS.
 “ EDWARD A. STOCKTON.
 “ G. ELLWOOD WAGNER.
 “ THEODORE EVANS.

Committee on Temple:

- BRO. WILLIAM J. KELLY, R. W. Past Grand Master.
 “ HIBBERT P. JOHN.
 “ AMOS H. HALL.
 “ LOUIS M. WAGNER.
 “ SYLVESTER S. GARWOOD.

Committee on Library:

- BRO. LOUIS WAGNER.
 “ I. LAYTON REGISTER.
 “ WILLIAM D. McILROY.
 “ SAMUEL W. LATTA.
 “ CHARLES L. LOCKWOOD.
 “ JOHN WANAMAKER.
 “ JULIUS F. SACHSE.

District Deputy Grand Masters:

- A.—Brother J. HENRY WILLIAMS, of Philadelphia, for Lodges Nos. 59, 72, 121, 134, 246, 393, 436, 449, 453, 491, 500, 528 and 609, in Philadelphia.
- B.—Brother JOHN L. KINSEY, of Philadelphia, for Lodges Nos. 2, 3, 71, 114, 125, 155, 274, 444, 450, 527, 605, 607 and 636 in Philadelphia.
- C.—Brother SAMUEL A. BOYLE, of Philadelphia, for Lodges Nos. 67, 91, 126, 186, 359, 368, 369, 385, 419, 456, 493, 591 and 606 in Philadelphia.
- D.—Brother GEORGE S. GRAHAM, of Philadelphia, for Lodges Nos. 19, 51, 52, 130, 158, 187, 295, 380, 386, 432, 481 and 529 in Philadelphia.
- E.—Brother MURDOCH KENDRICK, of Philadelphia, for Lodges Nos. 9, 115, 131, 271, 289, 384, 402, 441, 482, 487, 543, 610 and 631 in Philadelphia.
- F.—Brother GEORGE HALE, of Philadelphia, for Lodges Nos. 81, 135, 211, 230, 292, 296, 470, 506, 519, 600 and 624 in Philadelphia.
- 1.—Brother JOHN W. LANSINGER, of Millersville, for Lodges Nos. 43, 156, 417, 476, 496, 551, and 587 in Lancaster County.
- 2.—Brother WILLIAM M. DONALDSON, of Harrisburg, for the County of Dauphin, and that part of the County of Northumberland east and south of the Susquehanna River, and Lodge No. 226 in Lebanon County.
- 3.—Brother SAMUEL M. GOODYEAR, of Carlisle, for the Counties of Cumberland, Franklin (except Lodge No. 586), and Fulton.

- 4.—Brother GEORGE H. SHIRK, of Hanover, for Lodges Nos. 336 and 465 in Adams County, and for Lodges Nos. 348 and 423 in York County, and Lodge No. 586 in Franklin County.
- 5.—Brother DAVID H. WEAVER, of Coatesville, for Lodges Nos. 309, 322, 340, 343, 383, 405, 564, and 569 in Chester County.
- 6.—Brother THADDEUS S. ADLE, of Norristown, for Lodges Nos. 190, 273, 310, 420, 558, and 620 in Montgomery County, and Lodge No. 581 in Delaware County.
- 7.—Brother ADAM H. SCHMEHL, of Reading, for the Counties of Berks and Lebanon, except Lodge No. 226.
- 8.—Brother CHARLES S. VANDEGRIFT, of Eddington, for the County of Bucks, and for Lodges Nos. 308, 400, and 410 in Montgomery County.
- 9.—Brother WILLIAM M. SEMPLE, of Easton, for the Counties of Northampton and Monroe.
- 10.—Brother AARON R. TRUMBOWER, of Passer, for the Counties of Carbon and Lehigh, (except Lodges Nos. 242 and 621 in Carbon County).
- 11.—Brother MATTHEW M. MACMILLAN, of Mahanoy City, for the County of Schuylkill.
- 12.—Brother WILLIAM D. WHITE, of Wilkes-Barre, for the County of Luzerne, (except Lodges Nos. 327, 467 and 611).
- 13.—Brother THOMAS F. WELLS, of Scranton, for the County of Lackawanna, and Lodge No. 341 in Wyoming County.

- 14.—Brother WILLIAM H. HULSIZER, of Honesdale, for the Counties of Wayne and Pike.
- 15.—Brother HOMER E. SPENCER, of Susquehanna, for the County of Susquehanna, and Lodge No. 438 in Wyoming County.
- 16.—Brother JAMES WILSON PIATT, of Tunkhannock, for the Counties of Bradford and Sullivan, and Lodges Nos. 248 and 263 in Wyoming County.
- 17.—Brother HOWARD FRANKLIN MARSH, of Wellsboro, for the County of Tioga.
- 18.—Brother JAMES A. PUGH, of Williamsport, for the Counties of Lycoming and Union, and for Lodge No. 401 in Northumberland County.
- 19.—Brother EZRA C. DOTY, of Mifflintown, for the Counties of Perry, Juniata, and Mifflin.
- 20.—Brother BOYD G. STEEL, of Altoona, for the County of Blair.
- 21.—Brother WILSON I. FLEMING, of Bellefonte, for the Counties of Centre and Clearfield, and for Lodge No. 534 in Jefferson County.
- 22.—Brother SOLOMON R. DRESSER, of Bradford, for the County of McKean (except Lodge No. 566).
- 23.—Brother WILLIAM F. CULLIS, of Oil City, for the Counties of Warren, Forest, and Venango (except Lodge No. 552).
- 24.—Brother DAVID A. SAWDEY, of Erie, for the County of Erie.

- 25.—Brother ADRIAN W. McCOY, of Meadville, for the County of Crawford.
- 26.—Brother WALTER D. CLARK, of New Castle, for the Counties of Mercer and Lawrence (except Lodge No. 411).
- 27.—Brother WILLIAM B. MEREDITH, of Kittanning, for the Counties of Armstrong, Butler, Clarion, and Jefferson (except Lodges Nos. 429, 437, and 534), and for Lodge No. 552 in Venango County.
- 28.—Brother WILLIAM M. HAMILTON, of Pittsburgh, for that part of the County of Allegheny south of the Allegheny and Ohio Rivers (except Lodges Nos. 375, 510, 526, 548, 582, 583, 590, 612, 613, and 641).
- 29.—Brother JAMES W. McDOWELL, of Washington, for the Counties of Washington and Greene, (except Lodges Nos. 337, 461, 615, and 626 in Washington County).
- 30.—Brother JOHN S. SELL, of Greensburg, for the County of Westmorland (except Lodges Nos. 617 and 638).
- 31.—Brother JOHN D. CARR, of Uniontown, for the County of Fayette.
- 32.—Brother GEORGE H. QUAILL, of Bellevue, for that part of the County of Allegheny north of the Allegheny and Ohio Rivers.
- 33.—Brother JAMES HARRIS MUSSINA, of Lock Haven, for the Counties of Clinton, Elk, and Cameron, and for Lodge No. 566 in McKean County.
- 34.—Brother WILLIAM L. JOHNSTON, of Huntingdon, for the Counties of Huntingdon and Bedford.

- 35.—Brother JOHN W. FARNSWORTH, of Danville, for the Counties of Montour, Snyder, and Columbia (except Lodge No. 462), and for Lodges Nos. 256 and 404 in Northumberland County.
- 36.—Brother JOHN D. GOFF, of Chester, for the County of Delaware (except Lodge No. 581) and for Lodges Nos. 353, 475, and 545 in Chester County.
- 37.—Brother FRANK C. O'ROURKE, of New Brighton, for the County of Beaver, and for Lodge No. 429 in Butler County, and Lodge No. 411 in Lawrence County.
- 38.—Brother SAMUEL HAMILTON, of Braddock, for Lodges Nos. 375, 510, 548, 582, 583, 590, 612, and 613 and 641 in Allegheny County south of the Allegheny and Ohio Rivers.
- 39.—Brother WILLIAM S. DAUGHERTY, of Indiana, for the County of Indiana, and Lodge No. 617 in Westmoreland County, and Lodge No. 437 in Armstrong County.
- 40.—Brother WILLIAM HAHN MAXWELL, of Pottstown, for Lodges Nos. 254, 585, and 595 in Montgomery County, and Lodges Nos. 75, 446, and 553 in Chester County.
- 41.—Brother JOHN J. JONES, of Johnstown, for the Counties of Cambria and Somerset.
- 42.—Brother RICHARD E. COCHRAN, of York, for Lodges Nos. 266, 451, and 503 in York County, and for Lodges Nos. 286 and 398 in Lancaster County.

43.—Brother GEORGE B. FRANTZ, of Coal Centre, for
Lodges Nos. 337, 461, 615, and 626 in Washington
County; Lodge No. 526 in Allegheny County, and
Lodge No. 638 in Westmoreland County.

44.—Brother EDGAR W. ROBINSON, of Coudersport, for
the County of Potter.

45.—Brother HIRAM P. KUNTZ, of Hazleton, for
Lodges Nos. 327, 467 and 611 in Luzerne County,
Lodges Nos. 242 and 621 in Carbon County and
Lodge No. 462 in Columbia County.

Brother WILLIAM B. JOSLYN, of Philadelphia,
Instructor of Work.

Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund:

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"	JOSEPH J. WILLIAMS . .	"	3
"	GEORGE WENNER . . .	"	9
"	WILLIAM H. GARDNER .	"	19
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"	R. HAMILL D. SWING . .	"	131

BROTHER	ROBERT C. STRAFFORD .	Lodge No. 134
"	WILLIAM T. WESTERMAN	" 135
"	GEORGE TURNER . . .	" 155
"	WALTER RYAN	" 158
"	JAMES M. WEST	" 186
"	ROBERT T. GILL	" 187
"	GEORGE F. POWELL . .	" 211
"	WILLIAM H. McKEE . .	" 230
"	HERBERT DALSIMER . .	" 246
"	FRANKLIN COGGINS . .	" 271
"	EDGAR S. LOUGEE . . .	" 274
"	WILLIAM J. BARR . . .	" 289
"	HARVEY MILLER . . .	" 292
"	WILLIAM EISEMAN . .	" 295
"	WALTER H. BONSTALL . .	" 296
"	AUGUST L. WEISE . . .	" 359
"	FREDERICK PAUL SHER	" 368
"	HENRY KENGOTT . . .	" 369
"	JOHN McKINNEY . . .	" 380
"	A. LINCOLN ACKER . . .	" 384
"	WILLIAM J. DIVINE . .	" 385
"	ADOLPHUS G. BUVINGER	" 386
"	OTTO DREYDOPPEL . . .	" 393
"	FRANK M. HIGHLEY . .	" 402
"	JOHN F. RAU	" 419
"	FRANK P. MASON . . .	" 432
"	WILLIAM STEFFE	" 436
"	WILLIAM J. MILLIGAN .	" 441
"	ANDREW S. SMITH . . .	" 444
"	WILLIAM H. SIVEL . . .	" 449
"	FREDERICK H. MacINTIRE	" 450
"	CHARLES A. WEIDEMANN	" 453
"	CHARLES W. CARNS, JR. .	" 456
"	JOHN W. HARMER . . .	" 470
"	S. E. BURKE KINSLOE . .	" 481

BROTHER	THOMAS F. GROSS . . .	Lodge No. 482
"	THOMAS W. BEARDWOOD	" 487
"	T. HERBERT ONYX . . .	" 491
"	ALONZO P. CUNDEY . . .	" 493
"	CHARLES S. CLARK . . .	" 500
"	MATTHIAS COATS . . .	" 506
"	SAMUEL LAMOND . . .	" 519
"	MILTON A. NEFF . . .	" 527
"	WILLIAM A. PATTERSON .	" 528
"	ISAIAH T. BOSSERT . .	" 529
"	ELIJAH TAYLOR . . .	" 543
"	DAVID W. AMRAM . . .	" 591
"	CHARLES MERZ . . .	" 600
"	JOHN F. ABBOTT . . .	" 605
"	JAMES B. DUFFY . . .	" 606
"	PAUL J. PONTIUS . . .	" 607
"	FRANK JARRETT . . .	" 609
"	MOLTON R. SAMPLE, Jr. .	" 610
"	JOSEPH SMALLEY, Jr. . .	" 624
"	THOMAS L. LATTA . . .	" 631
"	ELLIOTT B. SILVER . . .	" 636

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BROTHER	WILLIAM H. SHOEMAKER	Lodge No. 2
"	JOHN B. ALLEN . . .	" 3
"	JOHN MATTHEWS . . .	" 9
"	HENRY C. WATT . . .	" 19
"	JOHN C. CORNELIUS . .	" 51
"	B. NORMAN TUTTLE . .	" 52
"	J. THOMAS MOORE . . .	" 59
"	ADOLPH HAUG . . .	" 67
"	CLARENCE A. STIMPSON .	" 71
"	CHARLES E. ROBERTS .	" 72
"	WALTER BOWDITCH . .	" 81
"	GEORGE L. RAPP . . .	" 91
"	THOMAS JACOBS . . .	" 114

BROTHER	WILLIAM D. GARITEE . .	Lodge No. 115
"	SAMUEL B. CHAPMAN .	" 121
"	AUGUST GEISSEL, JR. . .	" 125
"	JOHN FRED LIST	" 126
"	JAMES BURNS, Jr. . . .	" 130
"	LEWIS McMAKIN	" 131
"	FRANK I. IRWIN	" 134
"	EDWARD T. ALBURGER .	" 135
"	MILLER BROWN	" 155
"	EDWARD A. STOCKTON .	" 158
"	BARCLAY J. WOODWARD	" 186
"	GEORGE W. KELLY	" 187
"	THOMAS J. BEATTY . . .	" 211
"	JAMES W. R. WASHINGTON	" 230
"	WILLIAM H. MANEELY .	" 246
"	SAMUEL DAVIS	" 271
"	HARRY K. LEECH	" 274
"	SAMUEL J. BREDIN . . .	" 289
"	JOHN BURNS	" 292
"	BENJAMIN HAYLLAR .	" 295
"	JAMES R. KENDRICK . .	" 296
"	F. C. CHARLES STROH .	" 359
"	GEORGE W. WILGUS . .	" 368
"	FRANK E. TOWNSEND .	" 369
"	EDWARD J. NOWLAND .	" 380
"	CHARLES PETERS	" 384
"	CHARLES SUMMERFIELD	" 385
"	GEORGE DIXON	" 386
"	WESLEY FENNIMORE .	" 393
"	THOMAS D. FERGUSON .	" 402
"	WILLIAM A. RHOADS . .	" 419
"	HENRY G. BRUNER . . .	" 432
"	G. SICKEL HEADMAN . .	" 436
"	SAMUEL CAMPBELL . .	" 441
"	EDWARD L. PERKINS . .	" 444

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"	GEORGE W. MORRIS . .	" 450
"	JOHN C. VARWIG . . .	" 453
"	WILLIAM J. ATTWOOD .	" 456
"	RICHARD COPE	" 470
"	THOMAS A. HARRIS . .	" 481
"	MARTIN EVOY	" 482
"	WILLIAM H. SHENEMAN, JR.	" 487
"	JOHN W. KOONS	" 491
"	HARVEY H. HUBBERT .	" 493
"	CHARLES H. DOWNING .	" 500
"	CHARLES R. SHOEMAKER	" 506
"	EMIL J. STROH	" 519
"	JOSHUA L. WILDEY . .	" 527
"	ARTHUR A. MUTH . . .	" 528
"	JOSEPH GLADING . . .	" 529
"	GEORGE W. LYSTER . .	" 543
"	GEORGE D. FEIDT . . .	" 591
"	FREDERICK MERZ . . .	" 600
"	SAMUEL F. CLEVENGER .	" 605
"	ALEXANDER J. H. MACKIE	" 606
"	MARVIN M. EAVENSON .	" 607
"	GEORGE W. HOBSON . .	" 609
"	GEORGE HALE	" 610
"	ERNEST H. BABB	" 624
"	DANIEL W. NEAD	" 631
"	FREDERICK W. SCHAEFER	" 636

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BROTHER	SAMUEL H. RHOADS . .	Lodge No. 2
"	SAMUEL LAUGHLIN . .	" 3
"	JAMES E. M. KELLER . .	" 9
"	ALFRED J. WILKINSON .	" 19
"	EUGENE T. LINNARD . .	" 51
"	JOHN H. GEIL	" 52
"	JOHN P. MACBEAN . . .	" 59

BROTHER	WILLIAM B. BICKER . .	Lodge No. 67
"	WILLIAM H. HILSEE . .	" 71
"	ROBERT E. HENSZEY . .	" 72
"	JOHN ROBINSON . . .	" 81
"	GEORGE W. SEELER . .	" 91
"	JAMES O. HODGE . . .	" 114
"	JEROME B. JARDELLA .	" 115
"	WM. HASSALL WILSON .	" 121
"	GEORGE R. J. BURGERT .	" 125
"	ALLEN C. THOMAS . . .	" 126
"	WILLIAM B. MORISON .	" 130
"	ROBERT J. CAMPBELL .	" 131
"	SAMUEL O. STOKES . .	" 134
"	ISAIAH T. RYAN . . .	" 135
"	CHARLES PFLAUM . . .	" 155
"	CHARLES H. BOWEN . .	" 158
"	J. HARRY LEWIS . . .	" 186
"	DAVID T. DAVIES . . .	" 187
"	SAMUEL ABEL	" 211
"	JOHN E. CHRISTIAN . .	" 230
"	HENRI C. KING	" 246
"	SAMUEL K. LOUCHHEIM .	" 271
"	MICHAEL YOUNG	" 274
"	JAMES TAITT	" 289
"	WILLIAM H. WEISS . .	" 292
"	JOHN E. CHEESEMAN . .	" 295
"	WALTER JONES	" 296
"	G. WILLIAM KATZMAN .	" 359
"	J. PARKER CRITTENDEN	" 368
"	JOHN MOSER	" 369
"	ERICK H. PETERSON . .	" 380
"	HENRY A. GENTNER . .	" 384
"	P. FRAILEY WELLS . . .	" 385
"	WILLIAM A. WITHERUP .	" 386
"	CHARLES CRANE, JR. . .	" 393

BROTHER	RICHARD MARIS	Lodge No. 402
"	JULIUS E. BLAMBERG . .	" 419
"	JOHN FETCH	" 432
"	FRANK C. HEADMAN . .	" 436
"	GEORGE H. MARCY . . .	" 441
"	JOHN M. WALTON . . .	" 444
"	WILLIAM G. GREEBY . .	" 449
"	JOSEPH BUTLER	" 450
"	EDWARD SINGLES . . .	" 453
"	WILLIAM McCOACH . .	" 456
"	THOMAS G. COPE . . .	" 470
"	CHARLES H. BRELSFORD	" 481
"	WILLIAM H. WALTER . .	" 482
"	WILLIAM L. MEGARY . .	" 487
"	LEWIS W. METZGER . .	" 491
"	ROBERT F. MUSTIN, JR. .	" 493
"	WILLIAM F. ENGLEHART, JR.	" 500
"	EDWIN M. THOMAS . .	" 506
"	JOHN BREUNINGER . .	" 519
"	HARRY W. SHELLY . . .	" 527
"	JAMES McCONNELL . .	" 528
"	WALTER E. BRAND . . .	" 529
"	JOHN S. CALLAGHAN . .	" 543
"	WILLARD E. BARCUS . .	" 591
"	WARREN T. RAWSON . .	" 600
"	WILLIAM H. ABBOTT . .	" 605
"	J. HORACE SPROWLES .	" 606
"	CURTIS B. E. HOLTEN . .	" 607
"	FREDERICK G. EGGART .	" 609
"	A. HOWARD THOMAS . .	" 610
"	ROBERT B. ROSS	" 624
"	ROBERT P. FIELD . . .	" 631
"	ROLANDO SILVER . . .	" 636

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary appointed Brother JOHN A. PERRY Deputy Grand Secretary, which was approved by Grand Lodge.

Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother GEORGE W. KENDRICK, JR., addressed Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother JAMES W. BROWN, and in behalf of Grand Lodge presented to him a Past Grand Master's Jewel.

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Brother GEORGE B. ORLADY, in behalf of Grand Lodge, presented to Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother JAMES W. BROWN, a beautiful silver loving cup.

Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, Brother GEORGE W. GUTHRIE, presented to Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother JAMES W. BROWN, the gavel he had used during his administration as Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother JAMES W. BROWN, in a feeling manner expressed his appreciation of the kindly sentiments embodied in the addresses just delivered, and tendered heartfelt thanks to the Brethren for the beautiful gifts.

Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother EDGAR A. TENNIS, offered the following Minute, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote :

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, at the close of the administration of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother JAMES W. BROWN, desires to place on record its high appreciation of his earnest, faithful and conscientious services to the Craft in this Jurisdiction ; therefore be it

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge tenders to Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother JAMES W. BROWN, the esteem

and fraternal affection which it entertains for him, and the sincere trust that the Grand Master of the Universe may bless and ever have him in his keeping.

Brother FRANK H. ROBINSON, Most Worshipful Grand Master of New York, addressed Grand Lodge.

Brother JOSIAH W. EWAN, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of New Jersey, addressed Grand Lodge.

The following telegram from the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary of New Jersey was read :

TRENTON, N. J., December 27, 1905.

JAMES W. BROWN,

R. W. Grand Master,

Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, Pa.

Unavoidable circumstances prevent my being present with you. It is very much to my regret. May peace and prosperity be your portion for the coming year.

THOMAS H. R. REDWAY.

Grand Lodge closed in harmony at 1 o'clock P.M.

William A. Sinn
Grand Secretary.



John M. Read

R.W. Grand Master,
1837-1838.

APPENDIX.

LIST OF LODGES ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY ACCORDING TO PLACES OF MEETING.

PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.	NAME.	No.
Albion	No. 24.....	Western Star	304
Allegheny	" 32.....	Allegheny	223
"	" 32.....	Jefferson	288
"	" 32.....	McKinley	318
"	" 32.....	Davage	374
"	" 32.....	Stuckrath	430
"	" 32.....	Ionic	525
Allentown	" 10.....	Barger	333
"	" 10.....	Greenleaf	561
Alliance	" 9.....	Chapman	637
Altoona	" 20.....	Mountain	281
"	" 20.....	Logan	490
"	" 20.....	Hiram	616
Apollo	" 39.....	Apollo	437
Ardmore	" 6.....	Cassia	273
Ashland	" 11.....	Ashland	294
Ashley	" 12.....	Coalville	474
Athens	" 16.....	Rural Amity	70
Austin	" 44.....	Arcana	580
Bangor	" 9.....	Bangor	565
Bath	" 9.....	Manoquesy	413
Beallsville	" 29.....	Beallsville	237
Beaver	" 37.....	St. James	457
Beaver Falls	" 37.....	Beaver Valley	478
Bedford	" 34.....	Bedford	320
Bellefonte	" 21.....	Bellefonte	268
Bellevue ..	" 32.....	Bellevue	530
Berwick ..	" 45.....	Knapp	462
Bethlehem	" 9.....	Bethlehem	283
Birdsboro'	" 7.....	Union	479
Blairsville	" 39.....	Acacia	355
Bloomsburg	" 35.....	Washington	265

PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.	NAME.	No.
Blossburg	No. 17.....	Bloss	350
Braddock	" 38.....	Braddock's Field	510
Bradford	" 22.....	Union	334
Bristol	" 8.....	Bristol	25
Brookville	" 27.....	Hobah	276
Brownsville	" 31.....	Brownsville	60
Burgettstown	" 29.....	Richard Vaux	454
Butler	" 27.....	Butler	272
Cambridge Springs	" 25.....	Covenant	473
Canonsburg	" 29.....	Chartiers	297
Canton	" 16.....	Canton	415
Carbondale	" 13.....	Carbondale	249
Carlisle	" 3.....	Cumberland Star	197
"	" 3.....	St. John's	260
Carnegie	" 28.....	Centennial	544
Catasauqua	" 10.....	Porter	284
Catawissa	" 35.....	Catawissa	349
Centre Hall	" 21.....	Old Fort	537
Chambersburg	" 3.....	George Washington	143
Charleroi	" 43.....	Charleroi	615
Chester	" 36.....	Chester	236
"	" 36.....	Lucius H. Scott	352
Chestnut Hill, Philadel- phia	F.....	Hiram	81
Chicora	No. 27.....	Argyle	540
Christiana	" 1.....	Christiana	417
Clarion	" 27.....	Clarion	277
Clark's Summit	" 13.....	Waverly	301
Claysville	" 29.....	Claysville	447
Clearfield	" 21.....	Clearfield	314
Coal Centre	" 43.....	Monongahela Valley	461
Coalport	" 21.....	Coalport	574
Coatesville	" 5.....	Goddard	383
"	" 5.....	Coatesville	564
Cochranville	" 5.....	Skerrett	343
Columbia	" 42.....	Columbia	286
Columbus	" 23.....	Columbus	264
Concordville	" 36.....	Concord	625
Conneautville	" 25.....	Western Crawford	258
Connellsville	" 31.....	King Solomon	346
Conshohocken	" 6.....	Fritz	420
Coopersburg	" 10.....	Saucon	469
Corry	" 24.....	Corry	365
Coudersport	" 44.....	Eulalia	342

PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.	NAME.	No.
Cressona	No. 11.....	Cressona	426
Curwensville	" 21.....	Noble	480
Dallas	" 12.....	George M. Dallas	531
Danville	" 35.....	Danville	224
"	" 35.....	Mahoning	516
Dawson	" 31.....	James Cochran	614
Derry Station	" 30.....	La Monte	568
Donora	" 43.....	Donora	626
Downingtown	" 5.....	Williamson	309
Doylestown	" 8.....	Doylestown	245
Driftwood	" 33.....	Driftwood	532
Dubois	" 21.....	Garfield	559
Duke Centre	" 22.....	Northern Star	555
Dunmore	" 13.....	King Solomon	584
East Brady	" 27.....	East Brady	640
East Greenville	" 40.....	Perkiomen	595
Easton	" 9.....	Easton	152
"	" 9.....	Dallas	396
East Smithfield	" 16.....	Smithfield	428
East Stroudsburg	" 9.....	J. Simpson Africa	628
Ebensburg	" 41.....	Summit	312
Edenburg, Knox P. O.	" 27.....	Edenburg	550
Edinboro'	" 24.....	Oasis	416
Eldred	" 22.....	Eldred	560
Elizabeth	" 43.....	Stephen Bayard	526
Ellwood City	" 26.....	Ellwood	599
Elysburg	" 2.....	Elysburg	414
Emlenton	" 27.....	Allegheny Valley	552
Emporium	" 33.....	Emporium	382
Enon Valley	" 37.....	Meridian	411
Erie	" 24.....	Tyrian	362
"	" 24.....	Perry	392
"	" 24.....	Keystone	455
Everett	" 34.....	Everett	524
Factoryville	" 13.....	Factoryville	341
Falls of Schuylkill, Phila- delphia	F.....	Palestine	470
Fayette City	No. 31.....	Gummert	252
Forest City	" 15.....	Forest City	439
Fort Washington	" 8.....	Fort Washington	308
Frankford, Philadelphia ...	F.....	Frankford	292
Frankford, Philadelphia ...	F.....	Jerusalem	506
Franklin	No. 23.....	Myrtle	316

PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.	NAME.	No.
Freeland	No. 45.....	Arbutus	611
Freeport	" 27.....	Armstrong	239
Galeton	" 44.....	Galeton	602
Germantown, Philadelphia..	F.....	Mitchell	296
Germantown, Philadelphia..	F.....	Henry W. Williams	624
Gettysburg	No. 4.....	Good Samaritan	336
Girard	" 24.....	Lake Erie	347
Great Bend	" 15.....	Great Bend	338
Greencastle	" 3.....	Mount Pisgah	443
Greensburg	" 30.....	Philanthropy	225
"	" 30.....	Westmoreland	518
Green Tree Station	" 5.....	Thomson	340
Greenville	" 26.....	Eureka	290
Grove City	" 26.....	Grove City	603
Hamburg	" 7.....	Vaux	406
Hamlington	" 14.....	Salem	330
Hanover	" 4.....	Patmos	348
Harrisburg	" 2.....	Perseverance	21
"	" 2.....	Robert Burns	464
"	" 2.....	Harrisburg	629
Harrison Valley	" 44.....	Adelpha	592
Hatboro'	" 8.....	W. K. Bray	410
Hawley	" 14.....	Hawley	305
Hazleton	" 45.....	Hazle	327
Hellertown	" 9.....	Hellertown	563
Hollidaysburg	" 20.....	Portage	220
"	" 20.....	Juniata	282
Homestead	" 38.....	Homestead	582
Honesdale	" 14.....	Honesdale	218
Honeybrook	" 5.....	Howell	405
Hop Bottom	" 15.....	Harford	445
Huntingdon	" 34.....	Mount Moriah	300
Hyndman	" 34.....	Hyndman	589
Indiana	" 39.....	Indiana	313
Irwin	" 30.....	Shidle	601
Jackson	" 15.....	Freedom	328
Jamestown	" 26.....	Adelphic	424
Jenkintown	" 8.....	Friendship	400
Jermyn	" 13.....	Aurora	523
Jersey Shore.....	" 18.....	La Belle Vallée	232
Johnstown	" 41.....	Cambria	278
"	" 41.....	Johnstown	538

PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.	NAME.	No.
Kane	No. 33.....	Kane	566
Kennett Square	" 36.....	Kennett	475
Kensington, Philadelphia...	F.....	Kensington	211
Kensington, Philadelphia...	F.....	Richmond	230
Kensington, Philadelphia...	F.....	Gothic	519
Kingston	No. 12.....	Kingston	395
Kittanning	" 27.....	Kittanning	244
Knoxville	" 27.....	Cowanesque	351
Kutztown	" 7.....	Huguenot	377
Laceyville	" 16.....	Franklin	263
Lancaster	" 1.....	.....	43
"	" 1.....	Lamberton	476
Lansdale	" 6.....	Shiloh	558
Latrobe	" 30.....	Loyalhanna	275
Lebanon	" 2.....	Mount Lebanon	226
Leechburg	" 27.....	Leechburg	577
Lehighton	" 45.....	Lehighton	621
Le Raysville	" 16.....	Le Ray	471
Lewisburg	" 18.....	Charity	144
Lewistown	" 19.....	Lewistown	203
Ligonier	" 30.....	Ligonier	331
Linesville	" 25.....	Pine	498
Lock Haven	" 33.....	La Fayette	199
McDonald	" 29.....	Garfield	604
McKeesport	" 38.....	Alliquippa	375
"	" 38.....	Youghiogeny	583
"	" 38.....	McKeesport	641
McVeytown	" 19.....	McVeytown	376
Mahanoy City	" 11.....	Mahanoy City	357
Manayunk, Philadelphia....	F.....	Roxborough	135
Manheim	No. 1.....	Manheim	587
Mansfield	" 17.....	Friendship	247
Marienville	" 23.....	Acacia	633
Marietta	" 42.....	Ashara	398
Marysville	" 19.....	Perry	458
Masontown	" 31.....	Valley	459
Mauch Chunk	" 45.....	Carbon	242
Meadville	" 25.....	Crawford	234
"	" 25.....	.....	408
Mechanicsburg	" 3.....	Eureka	302
Media	" 36.....	George W. Bartram	298
Mercer	" 26.....	Hebron	575
Meyersdale	" 41.....	Meyersdale	554
Middleburg	" 35.....	Middleburg	619

PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.	NAME.	No.
Middletown	No. 2.....	Prince Edwin	486
Mifflinburg	" 18.....	Mifflinburg	370
Mifflintown	" 19.....	Union	324
Milford	" 14.....	Milford	344
Millersburg	" 2.....	Susquehanna	364
Millersville	" 1.....	Charles M. Howell	496
Millvale Boro'	" 32.....	Corinthian	573
Milton	" 35.....	Milton	256
Minersville	" 11.....	Minersville	222
Monessen	" 43.....	Monessen	638
Monongahela	" 43.....	Henry M. Phillips	337
Monroeton	" 16.....	Evergreen	163
Montoursville	" 18.....	Eureka	335
Montrose	" 15.....	Warren	240
Moores	" 36.....	Prospect	578
Moscow	" 13.....	Moscow.....	504
Mount Carmel	" 2.....	Mount Carmel	378
Mount Jewett	" 22.....	Mount Jewett	627
Mount Joy	" 1.....	Casiphia	551
Muncy	" 18.....	Muncy	299
Nanticoke	" 12.....	Nanticoke	541
Nazareth	" 9.....	Whitfield	622
New Bethlehem	" 27.....	New Bethlehem	522
New Bloomfield	" 19.....	Adams	319
New Brighton	" 37.....	Union	259
New Castle	" 26.....	Mahoning	243
" "	" 26.....	Lodge of the Craft	433
" "	" 26.....	New Castle	642
New Milford	" 15.....	New Milford	507
New Oxford	" 4.....	Hebron	465
Newport	" 19.....	Newport	381
Newtown	" 8.....	Newtown	427
Newville	" 3.....	Big Spring	361
Nicholson	" 15.....	Nicholson	438
Norristown	" 6.....	Charity	190
"	" 6.....	Norristown	620
North East	" 24.....	North East	399
Northumberland	" 35.....	Eureka	404
Oil City	" 23.....	Petrolia	363
Olyphant	" 13.....	Kingsbury	466
Orangeville	" 35.....	Oriental	460
Orbisonia	" 34.....	Cromwell	572
Orrstown	" 3.....	Orrstown	262

PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.	NAME.	No.
Orwigsburg	No. 11.....	Schuylkill	138
Osceola	" 17.....	Osceola	421
Osceola Mills	" 21.....	Osceola	515
Oxford	" 36.....	Oxford	353
Parker's Landing	" 27.....	Parker City	521
Parkesburg	" 5.....	Keystone	569
Peckville	" 13.....	Oriental Star	588
Pen Argyl	" 9.....	Pen Argyl	594
Philadelphia	B.....		2
"	B.....		3
"	E.....		9
"	D.....	Montgomery	19
"	D.....		51
"	D.....	Harmony	52
"	A.....	Washington	59
"	C.....	Concordia	67
"	B.....	La Fayette	71
"	A.....	Philadelphia	72
"	F.....	Hiram	81
"	C.....	Columbia	91
"	B.....	Solomon's	114
"	E.....	St. John's	115
"	A.....	Union	121
"	B.....	Hermann	125
"	C.....	Rising Star	126
"	D.....	Phoenix	130
"	E.....	Industry	131
"	A.....	Franklin	134
"	F.....	Roxborough	135
"	B.....	Mount Moriah	155
"	D.....	Meridian Sun.....	158
"	C.....	Eastern Star	186
"	D.....	Integrity	187
"	F.....	Kensington	211
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Pine Grove	" 11.....	Pine Grove	409
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“	“ 28.....	Dallas	508
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“	“ 28.....	Guyasuta	513
“	“ 28.....	Oakland	535
“	“ 28.....	Duquesne	546
“	“ 28.....	Crescent	576
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“	“ 28.....	Fort Pitt	634
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Pittston	“ 12.....	St. John's	233
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Plymouth	“ 12.....	Plymouth	332
Port Allegany	“ 22.....	Liberty	505
Portland	“ 9.....	Portland	311
Pottstown	“ 40.....	Stichter	254
Pottsville	“ 11.....	Pulaski	216
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Quakertown	“ 8.....	Quakertown	512
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"	" 13.....	Green Ridge	597
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Sellersville	" 8.....	MacCalla	596
Sewickley	" 32.....	Doric	630
Shamokin	" 2.....	Shamokin	255
Sharon	" 26.....	Sharon	250
Sharpsburg	" 32.....	Zeredatha	448
Sharpsville	" 26.....	Sharpsville	517
Shenandoah	" 11.....	Shenandoah	511
Shickshinny	" 12.....	Sylvania	354
Shingle House.....	" 44.....	Sharon	598
Shippensburg	" 3.....	Cumberland Valley	315
Shrewsbury	" 4.....	Shrewsbury	423
Slatington	" 10.....	Slatington	440
Smethport	" 22.....	McKean	388
Smith's Ferry	" 37.....	Glasgow	485
Somerset	" 41.....	Somerset	358
Spartansburg	" 25.....	Spartan	372
Spring City	" 40.....	Spring City	553
Stroudsburg	" 9.....	Barger	325
Sugar Grove	" 23.....	Stillwater	547
Sunbury	" 2.....	22
"	" 2.....	Maclay	632
Susquehanna	" 15.....	Canawacta	360
Tacony, Philadelphia	F.....	Tacony	600
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Turtle Creek	" 38.....	Valley	613
Tyrone	" 20.....	Tyrone	494
Ulysses	" 44.....	Lewisville	556
Union City	" 24.....	Eureka	366
Union Dale	" 15.....	Mount Hermon	472
Uniontown	" 31.....	Fayette	228
Upper Uwchlan	" 40.....	Mount Pickering	446
Vandergrift	" 39.....	Kiskiminetas	617
Verona	" 38.....	Verona	548
Warren	" 23.....	North Star	241
Washington	" 29.....	Washington	164
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Waterford	" 24.....	Waterford	425
Watsonstown	" 18.....	Watsonstown	401
Wattsburg	" 24.....	Wattsburg	533
Waymart	" 14.....	Waymart	542
Wayne	" 6.....	Wayne	581
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Westfield	" 17.....	Westfield	477
West Grove	" 36.....	New London	545
West Middlesex	" 26.....	Kedron	389
West Newton	" 30.....	Blyth	593
White Haven	" 45.....	Laurel	467
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Wilcox	" 33.....	Wilcox	571
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Wilkinsburg	" 38.....	Orient	590
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Acacia	586.....	Waynesboro	" 4
Acacia	633.....	Marienville	" 23
Adams	319.....	New Bloomfield	" 19
Adelpha	592.....	Harrison Valley	" 44
Adelphic	424.....	Jamestown	" 26
Africa, J. Simpson	628.....	East Stroudsburg	" 9
Allegheny	223.....	Allegheny	" 32
Allegheny Valley	552.....	Emlenton	" 27
Alliquippa	375.....	McKeesport	" 38
Anthracite	285.....	St. Clair	" 11
Apollo	386.....	Philadelphia	D
Apollo	437.....	Apollo	No. 39
Arbutus	611.....	Freeland	" 45
Arcana	580.....	Austin	" 44
Argyle	540.....	Chicora	" 27
Armstrong	239.....	Freeport	" 27
Arnold, Michael	636.....	Philadelphia	B
Ashara	398.....	Marietta	No. 42
Ashland	294.....	Ashland	" 11
Ashlar	570.....	Wiconisco	" 2
Athelstan	482.....	Philadelphia	E
Aurora	523.....	Jermyn	No. 13
Bangor	565.....	Bangor	" 9
Barger	325.....	Stroudsburg	" 9
Barger	333.....	Allentown	" 10
Bartram, George W.	298.....	Media	" 36
Bayard, Stephen	526.....	Elizabeth	" 43
Beallsville	237	Beallsville	" 29
Beaver Valley	478.....	Beaver Falls.....	" 37
Bedford	320.....	Bedford	" 34
Bellefonte	268.....	Bellefonte	" 21
Bellevue	530.....	Bellevue	" 32

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Bethlehem	283	Bethlehem	No. 9
Big Spring	361	Newville	" 3
Bloss	350	Blossburg	" 17
Blyth	593	West Newton	" 30
Braddock's Field	510	Braddock	" 38
Bray, W. K.	410	Hatboro	" 8
Bristol	25	Bristol	" 8
Brownsville	60	Brownsville	" 31
Burns, Robert	464	Harrisburg	" 2
Butler	272	Butler	" 27
Cambria	278	Johnstown	" 41
Canawacta	360	Susquehanna	" 15
Canby	520	St. Petersburg	" 27
Canton	415	Canton	" 16
Carbon	242	Mauch Chunk	" 45
Carbondale	249	Carbondale	" 13
Casiphia	551	Mount Joy	" 1
Cassia	273	Ardmore	" 6
Catawissa	349	Catawissa	" 35
Centennial	544	Carnegie	" 28
Chandler	227	Reading	" 7
Chapman	637	Alliance	" 9
Charity	144	Lewisburg	" 18
Charity	190	Norristown	" 6
Charleroi	615	Charleroi	" 43
Chartiers	297	Canonsburg	" 29
Chester	236	Chester	" 36
Christiana	417	Christiana	" 1
Clarion	277	Clarion	" 27
Claysville	447	Claysville	" 29
Clearfield	314	Clearfield	" 21
Coalport	574	Coalport	" 21
Coalville	474	Ashley	" 12
Coatesville	564	Coatesville	" 5
Cochran, James	614	Dawson	" 31
Colonial	631	Philadelphia	E
Columbia	91	Philadelphia	C
Columbia	286	Columbia	No. 42
Columbus	264	Columbus	" 23
Concord	625	Concordville	" 36
Concordia	67	Philadelphia	C
Corinthian	368	Philadelphia	C
Corinthian	573	Millvale Borough	No. 32
Corry	365	Corry	" 24
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Covenant	473.....	Cambridge Springs	No. 25
Cowanesque	351.....	Knoxville	" 17
Crawford	234.....	Meadville	" 25
Crescent	493.....	Philadelphia	C
Crescent	576.....	Pittsburgh	No. 28
Cressona	426.....	Cressona	" 11
Cromwell	572.....	Orbisonia	" 34
Cumberland Star	197.....	Carlisle	" 3
Cumberland Valley	315.....	Shippensburg	" 3
Dallas	396.....	Easton	" 9
Dallas	508.....	Pittsburgh	" 28
Dallas, George M.	531.....	Dallas	" 12
Danville	224.....	Danville	" 35
Davage	374.....	Allegheny	" 32
Donora	626.....	Donora	" 43
Doric	630.....	Sewickley	" 32
Doylestown	245.....	Doylestown	" 8
Driftwood	532.....	Driftwood	" 33
Duquesne	546.....	Pittsburgh	" 28
East Brady	640.....	East Brady	" 27
Eastern Star	186.....	Philadelphia	C
Easton	152.....	Easton	No. 9
Edenburg	550.....	Edenburg	" 27
Eldred	560.....	Eldred	" 22
Elk	379.....	Ridgway	" 33
Ellwood	599.....	Ellwood City	" 26
Elysburg	414.....	Elysburg	" 2
Emporium	382.....	Emporium	" 33
Equity	591.....	Philadelphia	C
Eulalia	342.....	Coudersport	No. 44
Eureka	290.....	Greenville	" 26
Eureka	302.....	Mechanicsburg	" 3
Eureka	335.....	Montoursville	" 18
Eureka	366.....	Union City	" 24
Eureka	404.....	Northumberland	" 35
Everett	524.....	Everett	" 34
Evergreen	163.....	Monroeton	" 16
Excelsior	491.....	Philadelphia	A
Factoryville	341.....	Factoryville	No. 13
Fayette	228.....	Uniontown	" 31
Fernwood	543.....	Philadelphia	E
Forest City	439.....	Forest City	No. 15
Fort Pitt	634.....	Pittsburgh	" 28

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Frankford	292	Philadelphia	F
Franklin	134	Philadelphia	A
Franklin	221	Pittsburgh	No. 28
Franklin	263	Laceyville	" 16
Fraternal	483	Rouseville	" 23
Freedom	328	Jackson	" 15
Friendship	247	Mansfield	" 17
Friendship	400	Jenkintown	" 8
Fritz	420	Conshohocken	" 6
Galeton	602	Galeton	" 44
Garfield	559	DuBois	" 21
Garfield	604	McDonald	" 29
Germania	509	Pittsburgh	" 28
Girard, Stephen	450	Philadelphia	B
Glasgow	485	Smith's Ferry	No. 37
Goddard	383	Coatesville	" 5
Good Samaritan	336	Gettysburg	" 4
Gothic	519	Philadelphia	F
Great Bend	338	Great Bend	No. 15
Greenleaf	561	Allentown	" 10
Green Ridge	597	Scranton	" 13
Grove City	603	Grove City	" 26
Gummert	252	Fayette City	" 31
Guyasuta	513	Pittsburgh	" 28
Hailman	321	Pittsburgh	" 28
Hamilton	274	Philadelphia	B
Hamilton, William C. ..	500	Philadelphia	A
Harford	445	Hop Bottom	No. 15
Harmony	52	Philadelphia	D
Harmony	429	Zelienople	No. 37
Harrisburg	629	Harrisburg	" 2
Hawley	305	Hawley	" 14
Hazle	327	Hazleton	" 45
Hebron	465	New Oxford	" 4
Hebron	575	Mercer	" 26
Hellertown	563	Hellertown	" 9
Hermann	125	Philadelphia	B
Hiram	81	Philadelphia	F
Hiram	261	Scranton	No. 13
Hiram	616	Altoona	" 20
Hobah	276	Brookville	" 27
Homestead	582	Homestead	" 38
Homewood	635	Pittsburgh	" 28

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Honesdale	218.....	Honesdale	No. 14
Howell	405.....	Honeybrook	" 5
Howell, Charles M.	496.....	Millersville	" 1
Huguenot	377.....	Kutztown	" 7
Humboldt	359.....	Philadelphia	C
Hyde Park	339.....	Seranton	No. 13
Hyndman	589.....	Hyndman	" 34
Indiana	313.....	Indiana	" 39
Industry	131.....	Philadelphia	E
Integrity	187.....	Philadelphia	D
Ionic	525.....	Allegheny	No. 32
Ivanhoe	449.....	Philadelphia	A
Ivy	397.....	Williamsport	No. 18
Jefferson	288.....	Allegheny	" 32
Jenks, John W.	534.....	Punxsutawney	" 21
Jerusalem	506.....	Philadelphia	F
Johnstown	538.....	Johnstown	No. 41
Joppa	608.....	Pittsburgh	" 28
Juniata	282.....	Hollidaysburg	" 20
Kane	566.....	Kane	" 33
Kedron	389.....	West Middlesex	" 26
Kennett	475.....	Kennett Square	" 36
Kensington	211.....	Philadelphia	F
Keystone	271.....	Philadelphia	E
Keystone	455.....	Erie	No. 24
Keystone	569.....	Parkesburg	" 5
Kingsbury	466.....	Olyphant	" 13
King Solomon	346.....	Connellsville	" 31
King Solomon	584.....	Dunmore	" 13
Kingston	395.....	Kingston	" 12
Kiskiminetas	617.....	Vandergrift	" 39
Kittanning	244.....	Kittanning	" 27
Knapp	462.....	Berwick	" 45
La Belle Vallée	232.....	Jersey Shore	" 18
La Fayette	71.....	Philadelphia	B
La Fayette	194.....	Selin's Grove	No. 35
La Fayette	199.....	Lock Haven	" 33
Lake	434.....	Sandy Lake	" 26
Lake Erie	347.....	Girard	" 24
Lamberton	371.....	Thompsonstown	" 19
Lamberton	476.....	Lancaster	" 1
Lamberton, Robert A. ..	487.....	Philadelphia	E

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La Monte	568.....	Derry Station	No. 30
Landmark	442.....	Wilkes-Barre	" 12
Laurel	467.....	White Haven	" 45
Leechburg	577.....	Leechburg	" 27
Lehigh	326.....	Trexlerstown	" 10
Lehighton	621.....	Lehighton	" 45
Le Ray	471.....	Le Raysville	" 16
Lewistown	203.....	Lewistown	" 19
Lewisville	556.....	Ulysses	" 44
Liberty	505.....	Port Allegany	" 22
Ligonier	331.....	Ligonier	" 30
Lodge of the Craft	433.....	New Castle	" 26
Logan	490.....	Altoona	" 20
Loyalhanna	275.....	Latrobe	" 30
MacCalla	596.....	Sellersville	" 8
McCandless	390.....	Pittsburgh	" 28
McKean	388.....	Smethport	" 22
McKeesport	641.....	McKeesport	" 38
McKinley	318.....	Allegheny	" 32
McVeytown	376.....	McVeytown	" 19
Maclay	632.....	Sunbury	" 2
Mahanoy City	357.....	Mahanoy City	" 11
Mahoning	243.....	New Castle	" 26
Mahoning	516.....	Danville	" 35
Manheim	587.....	Manheim	" 1
Manoquesy	413.....	Bath	" 9
Marion	562.....	Scottdale	" 30
Melita	295.....	Philadelphia	D
Meridian	411.....	Enon Valley	No. 37
Meridian Sun	158.....	Philadelphia	D
Meyersdale	554.....	Meyersdale	No. 41
Middleburg	619.....	Middleburg	" 35
Mifflinburg	370.....	Mifflinburg	" 18
Milford	344.....	Milford	" 14
Milnor	287.....	Pittsburgh	" 28
Milton	256.....	Milton	" 35
Minersville	222.....	Minersville	" 11
Mitchell	296.....	Philadelphia	F
Mitchell, E. Coppée	605.....	Philadelphia	B
Monessen	638.....	Monessen	No. 43
Monongahela	269.....	Pittsburgh	" 28
Monongahela Valley	461.....	Coal Centre.....	" 43
Montgomery	19.....	Philadelphia	D
Moscow	504.....	Moscow	No. 13
Moshannon	391.....	Philipsburg	" 21

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Mount Carmel	378.....	Mount Carmel	" 2
Mount Hermon	472.....	Uniondale	" 15
Mount Horeb	528.....	Philadelphia	A
Mount Jewett	627.....	Mount Jewett	No. 22
Mount Lebanon	226.....	Lebanon	" 2
Mount Moriah	155.....	Philadelphia	B
Mount Moriah	300.....	Huntingdon	No. 34
Mount Pickering	446.....	Upper Uwchlan	" 40
Mount Pisgah	443.....	Green Castle	" 3
Mozart	436.....	Philadelphia	A
Muncy	299.....	Muncy	No. 18
Myrtle	316.....	Franklin	" 23
Nanticoke	541.....	Nanticoke	" 12
New Bethlehem	522.....	New Bethlehem	" 27
New Castle	642.....	New Castle	" 26
New London	545.....	West Grove	" 36
New Milford	507.....	New Milford	" 15
Newport	381.....	Newport	" 19
Newtown	427.....	Newtown	" 8
Nicholson	438.....	Nicholson	" 15
Noble	480.....	Curwensville	" 21
Norristown	620.....	Norristown	" 6
North East	399.....	North East	" 24
North Star	241.....	Warren	" 23
Northern Star	555.....	Duke Centre	" 22
Oakland	535.....	Pittsburgh	" 28
Oasis	416.....	Edinboro	" 24
Oil Creek	303.....	Titusville	" 25
Old Fort	537.....	Centre Hall	" 21
Olive	557.....	Tionesta	" 23
Olivet	607.....	Philadelphia	B
Orient	289.....	Philadelphia	E
Orient	590.....	Wilkinsburg	No. 38
Oriental	385.....	Philadelphia	C
Oriental	460.....	Orangeville	No. 35
Oriental Star	588.....	Peckville	" 13
Orrstown	262.....	Orrstown	" 3
Osceola	421.....	Osceola	" 17
Osceola	515.....	Osceola Mills	" 21
Ossea	317.....	Wellsboro	" 17
Oxford	353.....	Oxford	" 36
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Patmos	348.....	Hanover	" 4
Pen Argyl	594.....	Pen Argyl	" 9
Pennsylvania	380.....	Philadelphia	D
Perkins	402.....	Philadelphia	E
Perkiomen	595.....	East Greenville	No. 40
Perry	392.....	Erie	" 24
Perry	458.....	Marysville	" 19
Perseverance	21.....	Harrisburg	" 2
Petrolia	363.....	Oil City	" 23
Philadelphia	72.....	Philadelphia	A
Philanthropy	225.....	Greensburg	No. 30
Philates	527.....	Philadelphia	B
Phillips, Henry M.	337.....	Monongahela	No. 43
Philo	444.....	Philadelphia	B
Phoenix	75.....	Phoenixville	No. 40
Phoenix	130.....	Philadelphia	D
Pine	498.....	Linesville	No. 25
Pine Grove	409.....	Pine Grove	" 11
Pittsburgh	484.....	Pittsburgh	" 28
Plymouth	332.....	Plymouth	" 12
Pollock	502.....	Tarentum	" 32
Portage	220.....	Hollidaysburg	" 20
Porter	284.....	Catasauqua	" 10
Portland	311.....	Portland	" 9
Potter	441.....	Philadelphia	E
Prince Edwin	486.....	Middletown	No. 2
Progress	609.....	Philadelphia	A
Prospect	578.....	Moores	No. 36
Prosperity	567.....	Riegelsville	" 8
Pulaski	216.....	Pottsville	" 11
Quakertown	512.....	Quakertown	" 8
Radiant Star	606.....	Philadelphia	C
Read, John M.	536.....	Reynoldsville	No. 27
Reading	549.....	Reading	" 7
Renovo	495.....	Renovo	" 33
Richmond	230.....	Philadelphia	F
Rising Star	126.....	Philadelphia	C
Riverside	503.....	Wrightsville	No. 42
Rochester	229.....	Rochester	" 37
Roman	418.....	Rome	" 16
Roxborough	135.....	Philadelphia	F
Royersford	585.....	Royersford	No. 40
Rural Amity	70.....	Athens	" 16

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St. Alban	529.....	Philadelphia	D
St. James	457.....	Beaver	No. 37
St. John's	115.....	Philadelphia	E
St. John's	219.....	Pittsburgh	No. 28
St. John's	233.....	Pittston	" 12
St. John's	260.....	Carlisle	" 3
St. John's	435.....	Reading	" 7
St. Paul's	481.....	Philadelphia	D
Salem	330.....	Hamlington	No. 14
Saucon	469.....	Coopersburg	" 10
Schiller	345.....	Scranton	" 13
Schnider, William B. ...	419.....	Philadelphia	C
Schuylkill	138.....	Orwigsburg	No. 11
Scott, Lucius H.	352.....	Chester	" 36
Shamokin	255.....	Shamokin	" 2
Sharon	250.....	Sharon	" 26
Sharon	598.....	Shingle House.....	" 44
Sharpsville	517.....	Sharpsville	" 26
Shekinah	246.....	Philadelphia	A
Shenandoah	511.....	Shenandoah	No. 11
Shepherd	463.....	Titusville	" 25
Shidle	601.....	Irwin	" 30
Shiloh	558.....	Lansdale	" 6
Shrewsbury	423.....	Shrewsbury	" 4
Skerrett	343.....	Cochranville	" 5
Slatington	440.....	Slatington	" 10
Smithfield	428.....	East Smithfield	" 16
Solomon	231.....	Pittsburgh	" 28
Solomon's	114.....	Philadelphia	B
Somerset	358.....	Somerset	No. 41
Spartan	372.....	Spartansburg	" 25
Spring City	553.....	Spring City	" 40
Stichter	254.....	Pottstown	" 40
Stillwater	547.....	Sugar Grove	" 23
Stuckrath	430.....	Allegheny	" 32
Summit	312.....	Ebensburg	" 41
Sunset	623.....	Washington	" 29
Susquehanna	364.....	Millersburg	" 2
Swatara	267.....	Tremont	" 11
Sylvania	354.....	Shickshinny	" 12
Tacony	600.....	Philadelphia	F
Tamaqua	238.....	Tamaqua	No. 11
Temple	248.....	Tunkhannock	" 16
Temple	412.....	Tidioute	" 23
Teutonia	367.....	Reading	" 7

NAME.	No.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.
Thomson	340.....	Green Tree Station	No. 5
Tioga	373.....	Tioga	" 17
Trojan	306.....	Troy	" 16
Tyrian	362.....	Erie	" 24
Tyrian	612.....	Wilmerding	" 38
Tyrone	494.....	Tyrone	" 20
Union	108.....	Towanda	" 16
Union	121.....	Philadelphia	A
Union	259.....	New Brighton	No. 37
Union	291.....	Scranton	" 13
Union	324.....	Mifflintown	" 19
Union	334.....	Bradford	" 22
Union	479.....	Birdsboro	" 7
University	610.....	Philadelphia	E
Valley	459.....	Masontown	No. 31
Valley	499.....	Pittston	" 12
Valley	613.....	Turtle Creek	" 38
Vaux	393.....	Philadelphia	A
Vaux	406.....	Hamburg	No. 7
Vaux, Richard	384.....	Philadelphia	E
Vaux, Richard	454.....	Burgettstown	No. 29
Verona	548.....	Verona	" 38
Wagner, George E.....	639.....	St. Mary's	" 33
Warren	240.....	Montrose	" 15
Warren	310.....	Trappe	" 6
Washington	59.....	Philadelphia	A
Washington	156.....	Quarryville	No. 1
Washington	164.....	Washington	" 29
Washington	253.....	Pittsburgh	" 28
Washington	265.....	Bloomsburg	" 35
Washington, George	143.....	Chambersburg	" 3
Waterford	425.....	Waterford	" 24
Watson town	401.....	Watson town	" 18
Wattsburg	533.....	Wattsburg	" 24
Waverly	301.....	Clark's Summit	" 13
Waymart	542.....	Waymart	" 14
Wayne	581.....	Wayne	" 6
Waynesburg	153.....	Waynesburg	" 29
Welcome	453.....	Philadelphia	A
West Chester	322.....	West Chester	No. 5
Western Crawford	258.....	Conneautville	" 25
Western Star	304.....	Albion	" 24
Westfield	477.....	Westfield	" 17

NAME.	No.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.
Westmoreland	518.....	Greensburg	No. 30
Whitfield	622.....	Nazareth	" 9
Wilcox	571.....	Wilcox	" 33
Williams, Henry W. ...	624.....	Philadelphia	F
Williamson	307.....	Womelsdorf	No. 7
Williamson	309.....	Downingtown	" 5
Williamson	369.....	Philadelphia	C
Williamson	431.....	Saltsburg	No. 39
Williamson, Peter	323.....	Scranton	" 13
Woodbury	539.....	Roaring Spring	" 20
Wyalusing	618.....	Wyalusing	" 16
Wyoming	468.....	Wyoming	" 12
York	266.....	York	" 42
Youghiogheny	583.....	McKeesport	" 38
Zeredatha	448.....	Sharpsburg	" 32
Zeredatha	451.....	York	" 42

LODGES WITHOUT NAMES.

	No.	PLACE OF MEETING.	DISTRICT.
.....	2.....	Philadelphia	B
.....	3.....	Philadelphia	B
.....	9.....	Philadelphia	E
.....	22.....	Sunbury	No. 2
.....	43.....	Lancaster	" 1
.....	45.....	Pittsburgh	" 28
.....	51.....	Philadelphia	D
.....	61.....	Wilkes-Barre	No. 12
.....	62.....	Reading	" 7
.....	106.....	Williamsport	" 18
.....	408.....	Meadville	" 25
.....	432.....	Philadelphia	D

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS OF LODGES FOR 1904.

Mon. F. M. = Monday on or before Full Moon.

F. M. Mon. = Monday on or after Full Moon.

Mon. a. F. M. = Monday after Full Moon.

Mon. b. F. M. = Monday before Full Moon.

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2	Philadelphia	B	3d Mon.	172	3	13			7	181
3	"	B	3d Tues.	238		14	7		4	241
9	"	E	1st Fri.	378	1	36	2		6	407
19	Montgomery	"	D	1st Thur.	259	1	10		1	9	260
21	Perseverance	Harrisburg	2	2d Mon.	348	1	23	1		8	363
22	.....	Sunbury	2	*	130		20	1			149
25	Bristol	Bristol	8	Sat. F. M. ...	156	1	10			5	162
43	.....	Lancaster	1	2d Wed.	291	2	12	5	1	8	291
45	.....	Pittsburgh	28	Last Wed.	408	1	10			9	410
51	.....	Philadelphia	D	4th Thur.	162	2	6	3	1	7	159
52	Harmony	"	D	1st Mon.	204	1	18	2		6	215
59	Washington	"	A	2d Tues.	589	3	32	6	3	9	606
60	Brownsville	Brownsville	31	1st Mon.	106	2	10			2	116
61	.....	Wilkes-Barre	12	1st Mon.	289	4	25	5		5	308
62	.....	Reading	7	1st Mon.	276		19	3	4	4	284
67	Concordia	Philadelphia	C	3d Thur.	262	1	32	2	1	4	288
70	Rural Amity	Athens	16	†	189	1	14	2	3	2	197
71	La Fayette	Philadelphia	B	4th Wed.	181	2	17	6	2	6	186
72	Philadelphia	"	A	3d Thur.	246	1	8	2	4	6	243
75	Phoenix	Phoenixville	40	Sat. F. M. ...	220		17	1	1	6	229
81	Hiram	Philadelphia	F	2d Wed.	113	2	13	1	1	2	124
91	Columbia	"	C	4th Mon.	186		5		1	8	182
106	.....	Williamsport	18	1st Mon.	273	2	26		2	5	294
108	Union	Towanda	16	3d Wed.	197	4	3			3	201
114	Solomon's	Philadelphia	B	3d Fri.	183	1	18	1	2	3	196
115	St. John's	"	E	2d Mon.	295	5	48			7	341
121	Union	"	A	2d Thur.	169	2	5			8	168
125	Hermann	"	B	2d Wed.	287		25			14	298
126	Rising Star	"	C	2d Mon.	206	2	10		1	5	212
130	Phoenix	"	D	3d Wed.	274	2	14	1	2	9	278
131	Industry	"	E	2d Mon.	136	2	12			2	148
134	Franklin	"	A	†	147	1	9	1	2	5	149
135	Roxborough	"	F	2d Tues.	259	2	22	1	1	10	271
138	Schuylkill	Orwigsburg	11	Last Mon.	65		8		1	4	68
143	George Washington	Chambersburg ..	3	Fri. F. M.	150	3	7		1	7	152
144	Charity	Lewisburg	18	Tues. F. M. ...	103	2	6	2		1	108
152	Easton	Easton	9	1st Thur.	214	1	7	2	2	5	213
153	Waynesburg	Waynesburg	29	2d Mon.	168		8	4		1	171

* No. 22 meets evening of Full Moon, except when Moon is full on Sunday ; then Monday.

† No. 70 meets Tuesday on or before Full Moon and St. John the Evangelist's Day, Dec. 27.

‡ No. 134 meets last week day of every month.

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155	Mount Moriah.....	Philadelphia	B	4th Tues.....	405	1	26	7	2	8	415
156	Washington	Quarryville.....	1	Fri. F. M.	71	1	9			2	79
158	Meridian Sun.....	Philadelphia	D	1st Tues.....	532	5	36	5	3	12	553
163	Evergreen.....	Monroeton	16	Tues. F. M.	135		9	2	2	1	139
164	Washington	Washington.....	29	1st Mon.....	153	4	8		3	5	157
186	Eastern Star.....	Philadelphia	C	2d Wed.....	206	2	18		9	7	210
187	Integrity.....	"	D	2d Thur.....	218		18	3	1	6	226
190	Charity	Norristown.....	6	1st Mon.....	350	1	21	4	2	6	360
194	La Fayette.....	Selin's Grove....	35	Fri. F. M.	103	2	10			2	113
197	Cumberland Star...	Carlisle	3	2d Tues.....	119		10		1	1	127
199	La Fayette.....	Lock Haven.....	33	2d Thur.....	151	1	18	4	1	2	163
203	Lewistown	Lewistown	19	*	143		19			4	158
211	Kensington.....	Philadelphia	F	1st Fri.	499	1	21	1	3	18	499
216	Pulaski	Pottsville	11	3d Mon.....	205	1	7	2		3	208
218	Honesdale	Honesdale	14	Thur. F. M.	113	2	6			3	118
219	St. John's.....	Pittsburgh	28	2d Thur.....	493	5	38	3	3	11	519
220	Portage.....	Hollidaysburg...	20	1st Tues.....	68		10	6		1	71
221	Franklin.....	Pittsburgh	28	3d Thur.....	494	4	12	6	2	9	493
222	Minersville.....	Minersville.....	11	2d Thur.....	70	2	2	3		3	68
223	Allegheny.....	Allegheny	32	2d Mon.....	344	4	10	14		7	337
224	Danville.....	Danville	35	3d Tues.....	113	1	8	1			121
225	Philanthropy	Greensburg.....	30	2d Mon.....	146		11	1			156
226	Mount Lebanon...	Lebanon	2	†	187		5			3	189
227	Chandler	Reading	7	1st Tues.....	357		22	3	4	4	368
228	Fayette.....	Uniontown	31	2d Mon.....	238	2	18			1	257
229	Rochester	Rochester	37	Fri. F. M.	171	5	14		2	3	185
230	Richmond.....	Philadelphia	F	2d Wed.....	292	5	22	2	3	15	299
231	Solomon.....	Pittsburgh	28	1st Thur.....	162	4	12		1	3	174
232	La Belle Vallée....	Jersey Shore....	18	1st Fri.	105	2	11			2	116
233	St. John's.....	Pittston.....	12	‡	166	1	4	2	1	4	164
234	Crawford.....	Meadville.....	25	1st Thur.....	127	3	6	1		2	133
236	Chester	Chester	36	1st Thur.....	340	2	18	1	1	5	353
237	Beallsville.....	Beallsville.....	29	Wed. F. M.	69	1	6				76
238	Tamaqua.....	Tamaqua.....	11	Fri. F. M.	186		9	4	1	4	186
239	Armstrong	Freeport	27	3d Mon.....	55		6				61
240	Warren.....	Montrose.....	15	Wed. F. M.	83		1	6	1		77
241	North Star.....	Warren.....	23	3d Thur.....	192	6	32	4	2	2	222
242	Carbon.....	Mauch Chunk...	45	2d Wed.....	126		9			4	131
243	Mahoning	New Castle.....	26	4th Tues.....	207		17	1	3	3	217
244	Kittanning.....	Kittanning.....	27	1st Tues.....	146	2	4			1	151
245	Doylestown.....	Doylestown	8	Fri. F. M.	186	2	6			4	190
246	Shekinah.....	Philadelphia	A	3d Mon.....	490	9	53	4	2	10	536
247	Friendship.....	Mansfield	17	Mon. F. M.	75	1	5	2		3	76
248	Temple.....	Tunkhannock ...	16	Mon. F. M.	174	3	6		1	3	179
249	Carbondale.....	Carbondale.....	13	1st Wed.....	151	1	27	4	1	4	170
250	Sharon.....	Sharon	26	1st Fri.....	178		9			1	186
252	Gummert	Fayette City....	31	Mon. F. M.	134	1	9	1	3	2	138
253	Washington.....	Pittsburgh	28	Last Tues....	379	1	8	2	5	3	378
254	Stichter.....	Pottstown.....	40	2d Wed.....	220		7	1	2	7	217
255	Shamokin.....	Shamokin.....	2	1st Fri.	173	2	43		2	5	211
256	Milton	Milton.....	35	1st Mon.....	136	1	11		1	2	145

* No. 203 meets second Tuesday and St. John the Evangelist's Day, Dec. 27.

† No. 226 meets third Thursday and St. Johns' Days, June 24 and Dec. 27.

‡ No. 233 meets Tuesday on or before Full Moon and St. Johns' Days, June 24 and Dec. 27.

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258	Western Crawford .	Conneautville . . .	25	1st & 3d Mon.	61		4	1	3		61
259	Union	New Brighton . . .	37	1st Tues.	134	1	6			1	140
260	St. John's	Carlisle	3	3d Thur.	142		7			3	146
261	Hiram	Scranton	13	2d Thur.	100		19		1	2	116
262	Orrstown	Orrstown	3	Thur. F. M. . . .	42	1	3	1			45
263	Franklin	Laceyville	16	Tues. F. M. . . .	69	1	9			1	78
264	Columbus	Columbus	23	Thur. F. M. . . .	41	1	3		1	2	42
265	Washington	Bloomsburg	35	3d Mon.	149	1	9			1	158
266	York	York	42	*	178	3	13		1	4	189
267	Swatara	Tremont	11	2d Thur.	111	1	3		2	2	111
268	Bellefonte	Bellefonte	21	Tues. F. M. . . .	166		13		1	3	175
269	Monongahela	Pittsburgh	28	1st Fri.	362		18	1		8	371
270	Page	Schuylkill Haven	11	2d Fri.	86		24				110
271	Keystone	Philadelphia	E	1st Mon.	192	1	17			6	204
272	Butler	Butler	27	1st Thur.	185	5	13	8	2	3	190
273	Cassia	Ardmore	6	Thur. F. M. . . .	242	2	32	3	2	6	265
274	Hamilton	Philadelphia	B	4th Tues.	288	2	19			2	307
275	Loyalhanna	Latrobe	30	1st Mon.	103	1	8		1		111
276	Hobah	Brookville	27	2d Mon.	136		7	2		6	135
277	Clarion	Clarion	27	1st Mon.	149	2	9	4	1		155
278	Cambria	Johnstown	41	2d Tues.	236		24			2	258
281	Mountain	Altoona	20	3d Tues.	216		11			5	222
282	Juniata	Hollidaysburg . . .	20	2d Mon.	108	2	11			3	118
283	Bethlehem	Bethlehem	9	1st Tues.	180	3	8	2	2	2	185
284	Porter	Catasauqua	10	1st Fri.	141		4		2	1	142
285	Anthracite	St. Clair	11	3d Wed.	94		7			1	100
286	Columbia	Columbia	42	1st Thur.	164	1	16		1	3	177
287	Milnor	Pittsburgh	28	3d Tues.	494	6	58	3	3	7	545
288	Jefferson	Allegheny	32	1st Wed.	119		10			4	125
289	Orient	Philadelphia	E	4th Fri.	220		16	2	1	6	227
290	Eureka	Greenville	26	1st Mon.	160	2	6	13	3	2	150
291	Union	Scranton	13	2d Fri.	308		44	3	1	5	343
292	Frankford	Philadelphia	F	2d Tues.	305	2	22	4	1	5	319
294	Ashland	Ashland	11	2d Thur.	155		4			2	157
295	Melita	Philadelphia	D	4th Wed.	396	8	33	4	1	10	422
296	Mitchell	"	F	2d Thur.	268	6	17	3	1	4	283
297	Chartiers	Canonsburg	29	2d Mon.	85	2	5	3			89
298	Geo. W. Bartram . .	Media	36	2d Mon.	146		7	1	3	2	147
299	Muncy	Muncy	18	1st Thur.	107		13		1	3	116
300	Mount Moriah	Huntingdon	34	2d Mon.	148		13			2	159
301	Waverly	Clark's Summit . .	13	Tues. F. M. . . .	94	1	6	17	2	1	81
302	Eureka	Mechanicsburg . .	3	1st Mon.	124	2	16			2	140
303	Oil Creek	Titusville	25	2d & 4th Tues. .	132	1	7	1	1	1	137
304	Western Star	Albion	24	1st & 3d Tues. .	77		2	3		2	74
305	Hawley	Hawley	14	Tues. F. M. . . .	68		3	1	1	6	63
306	Trojan	Troy	16	Tues. F. M. . . .	90	1	8		2	2	95
307	Williamson	Womelsdorf	7	1st Thur.	122	1	8			2	129
308	Fort Washington . .	Fort Washington	8	Sat. F. M. . . .	88	1	4			2	91
309	Williamson	Downingtown . . .	5	Fri. F. M. . . .	79		5		1		83
310	Warren	Trappe	6	Sat. F. M. . . .	92		11			3	100
311	Portland	Portland	9	Thur. F. M. . . .	56		3			5	54

* No. 266 meets Tuesday after first Monday.

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312	Summit.....	Ebensburg	41	2d Tues.....	163	1	3	2		1	164
313	Indiana.....	Indiana.....	39	2d Tues.....	119		9		2	1	125
314	Clearfield	Clearfield	21	1st Mon.....	140	6	8		1	5	148
315	Cumberland Valley	Shippensburg....	3	2d Fri.....	62		4			1	65
316	Myrtle.....	Franklin.....	23	1st & 3d Mon.	182	1	10			3	190
317	Ossea	Wellsboro.....	17	1st Tues.....	140		15		3	1	151
318	McKinley.....	Allegheny	32	1st Tues.....	347	1	5		3	8	342
319	Adams	New Bloomfield .	19	Wed. F. M...	49	1	7			2	55
320	Bedford.....	Bedford.....	34	2d Thur	108		5	1		5	107
321	Hailman.....	Pittsburgh	28	3d Tues.....	304		18		25	1	296
322	West Chester.....	West Chester....	5	1st Mon.....	170		18			4	184
323	Peter Williamson..	Scranton.....	13	1st Tues.....	283	2	31	2	5	5	304
324	Union	Mifflintown	19	2d Thur.....	104	3	6			5	108
325	Barger.....	Stroudsburg.....	9	1st Tues.....	170		8	3		3	172
326	Lehigh	Trexlerstown.....	10	Tues. F. M...	78	2	2	1	1	3	77
327	Hazle.....	Hazleton.....	45	1st Mon.....	218		17	1	1	8	225
328	Freedom.....	Jackson.....	15	Wed. F. M...	51		1	1		3	48
330	Salem.....	Hamilton	14	Mon. F. M...	71	1	8				80
331	Ligonier.....	Ligonier.....	30	Fri. b. F. M..	78	1	6		1	2	82
332	Plymouth.	Plymouth.....	12	Tues. F. M...	90		4		1	3	90
333	Barger.....	Allentown	10	3d Fri.....	177	1	16		1	3	190
334	Union	Bradford.....	22	2d Thur.....	363	13	15	3		5	383
335	Eureka	Montoursville ...	18	Fri. b. F. M..	78		4			1	81
336	Good Samaritan ...	Gettysburg.....	4	2d Thur.....	117	3	4		2	1	121
337	Henry M. Phillips.	Monongahela....	43	2d Tues.....	168	3	10		1	1	179
338	Great Bend.....	Great Bend.....	15	2d Tues.....	62	3	5	1	1	1	67
339	Hyde Park.....	Scranton.....	13	3d Mon.....	283	1	21	2	1	2	300
340	Thomson.....	Green Tree.....	5	Wed. F. M...	158		7	3	1	3	158
341	Factoryville.....	Factoryville.....	13	Tues. F. M...	74	1	8			1	82
342	Eulalia	Coudersport.....	44	*	171	4	11	9	3	5	169
343	Skerrett.....	Cochranville....	5	Tues. F. M...	143		4			2	145
344	Milford	Milford.....	14	Wed. F. M...	64		9				73
345	Schiller.....	Scranton.....	13	2d Mon.....	222	1	43	3	1	4	258
346	King Solomon.....	Connellsville ...	31	3d Mon.....	159	1	15		1	6	168
347	Lake Erie.....	Girard.....	24	1st Wed.....	88	2	9	3		1	95
348	Patmos	Hanover.....	4	†	101	3	7	2		1	108
349	Catawissa.....	Catawissa.....	35	Tues. b. F. M.	94		3			3	94
350	Bloss.....	Blossburg.....	17	Sat. F. M...	138	1	4			1	142
351	Cowanesque.....	Knoxville.....	17	Wed. F. M...	48		5		1	1	51
352	Lucius H. Scott....	Chester	36	1st Tues.....	264	2	9	1	2	3	269
353	Oxford	Oxford.....	36	Wed. F. M...	145		4		1	1	147
354	Sylvania	Shickshinny.....	12	Mon. F. M...	73	1	11			4	81
355	Acacia.....	Blairsville.....	39	2d Thur.....	120		6	1	1	2	122
357	Mahanoy City.....	Mahanoy City....	11	3d Thur.....	118		2	4		1	115
358	Somerset.....	Somerset.....	41	Tues. F. M...	125		9		1	1	132
359	Humboldt.....	Philadelphia	C	4th Thur.....	123		2			2	123
360	Canawacta	Susquehanna	15	1st Fri.....	142		8		3	4	143
361	Big Spring.....	Newville	3	2d Thur.....	59		5	1			63
362	Tyrian	Erie.....	24	1st Fri.....	195	2	5	4	6	4	188
363	Petrolia	Oil City.....	23	1st Fri.....	288	3	20	1	1	4	305
364	Susquehanna	Millersburg	2	1st Fri.....	82		3			1	84

* No. 342 meets second and fourth Wednesday, except December, which shall be second Wednesday.

† No. 348 meets second Tuesday, except October, November, January, February, and March, which shall be second and fourth Tuesdays.

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365	Corry	Corry	24	1st Tues.	107	4	2		3	3	107
366	Eureka	Union City	24	1st Fri.	70	1	2	2		2	69
367	Teutonia	Reading	7	3d Thur.	82	1	10	1	1	4	87
368	Corinthian	Philadelphia	C	3d Tues.	161	2	11				174
369	Williamson	"	C	3d Thur.	159		12	5	1	6	159
370	Mifflinburg	Mifflinburg	18	Mon. F. M. ...	69	1	4			1	73
371	Lamberton	Thompsons town ..	19	Mon. F. M. ...	34						34
372	Spartan	Spartansburg	25	1st Mon.	62	1				1	62
373	Tioga	Tioga	17	3d Thur.	77		2		2		77
374	Davage	Allegheny	32	2d Thur.	288	1	23	2	2	6	302
375	Alliquippa	McKeesport	38	1st Tues.	289	1	17		1	4	302
376	McVeytown	McVeytown	19	1st Tues.	46		7			2	51
377	Huguenot	Kutztown	7	Sat. F. M. ...	119		8	2			125
378	Mount Carmel	Mt. Carmel	2	2d Thur.	99		3			2	100
379	Elk	Ridgway	33	2d & 4th Tues.	191		8	1		2	196
380	Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	D	1st Tues.	112		15	2	3	3	119
381	Newport	Newport	19	1st Tues.	66		4	1		1	68
382	Emporium	Emporium	33	2d Tues.	92		3		1	1	93
383	Goddard	Coatesville	5	F. M. Tues. ...	128	5	10		1	1	141
384	Richard Vaux	Philadelphia	E	1st Mon.	185	1	12	1	3	6	188
385	Oriental	"	C	1st Thur.	393	3	28	10	3	5	406
386	Apollo	"	D	3d Wed.	326		8	4		6	324
388	McKean	Smethport	22	2d & 4th Wed.	102	1	4	6	2	4	95
389	Kedron	West Middlesex ..	26	1st Mon.	43		2				45
390	McCandless	Pittsburgh	28	2d Wed.	358		12	4	1	11	354
391	Moshannon	Philipsburg	21	2d Thur.	150	1	12		1	2	160
392	Perry	Erie	24	2d Tues.	213	1	10	1	1	5	217
393	Vaux	Philadelphia	A	4th Tues.	186	2	23			2	209
395	Kingston	Kingston	12	2d Wed.	149		10			1	158
396	Dallas	Easton	9	1st Tues.	224	4	19	1	3	3	240
397	Ivy	Williamsport	18	1st Tues.	254	3	19			3	273
398	Ashara	Marietta	42	Mon. F. M. ...	72	1	6				79
399	North East	North East	24	1st Wed.	113	2	9		3	2	119
400	Friendship	Jenkintown	8	Tues. F. M. ...	143	1	18		1	3	158
401	Watson town	Watson town	18	Wed. F. M. ...	91		12			1	102
402	Perkins	Philadelphia	E	1st Fri.	263		7	2	1	5	262
404	Eureka	Northumberland ..	35	3d Mon.	60		5			3	62
405	Howell	Honey Brook	5	Wed. F. M. ...	98		1	2			97
406	Vaux	Hamburg	7	2d Thur.	133		9		1	2	139
408	.....	Meadville	25	1st Mon.	68	1	6		2	1	72
409	Pine Grove	Pine Grove	11	1st Mon.	66		3		1	1	67
410	W. K. Bray	Hatboro	8	Wed. F. M. ...	88		8		2	1	93
411	Meridian	Enon Valley	37	Fri. F. M. ...	59		3	1			61
412	Temple	Tidioute	23	2d Tues.	44	2	5			2	49
413	Manoquesy	Bath	9	Fri. F. M. ...	51	1	8			2	58
414	Elysburg	Elysburg	2	Thur. F. M. ...	37		4				41
415	Canton	Canton	16	Tues. F. M. ...	122	2	2				126
416	Oasis	Edinboro	24	2d & 4th Tues.	48		5			1	52
417	Christiana	Christiana	1	Thur. F. M. ...	129	1	10		1		139
418	Roman	Rome	16	Sat. F. M. ...	44	1	1	1			45
419	Wm. B. Schnider..	Philadelphia	C	2d Tues.	431		35	2		6	458

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420	Fritz	Conshohocken...	6	3d Tues.....	137		10			1	146
421	Osceola	Elkland	17	2d Fri.....	44	5	3		2	1	49
423	Shrewsbury	Shrewsbury	4	Tues. F. M...	83		14		1	2	94
424	Adelphic	Jamestown.....	26	1st & 3d Tues.	57	2	1	2	1	1	56
425	Waterford.....	Waterford	24	Tues. F. M...	77	5	5		1	1	85
426	Cressona.....	Cressona	11	Thur. F. M...	64		7			2	69
427	Newtown.....	Newtown	8	Wed. F. M...	101		9				110
428	Smithfield.....	East Smithfield..	16	*	31	1	2				34
429	Harmony	Zelienople.....	37	Thur. F. M...	66		4				70
430	Stuckrath	Allegheny	32	2d Thur.....	422	1	13	2	4	5	425
431	Williamson	Saltsburg	39	1st Tues.....	51		4				55
432	.....	Philadelphia	D	2d Thur.....	261	1	25	1	1	5	280
433	Lodge of the Craft..	New Castle.....	26	3d Tues.....	204	7	18	7	2	4	216
434	Lake	Sandy Lake.....	26	2d Thur.....	116	1	11		1		127
435	St. John's.....	Reading.....	7	1st Fri.....	211		15			2	224
436	Mozart	Philadelphia	A	2d Tues.....	265	9	21	6		5	284
437	Apollo	Apollo.....	39	2d Tues.....	81		1			1	81
438	Nicholson.....	Nicholson.....	15	Sat. F. M....	76	1	8		2	1	82
439	Forest City.....	Forest City.....	15	1st Mon.....	71		3				74
440	Slatington	Slatington.....	10	Thur. F. M...	86	1	3	4	1		85
441	Potter	Philadelphia	E	3d Fri.....	329	2	29		1	1	358
442	Landmark	Wilkes-Barre....	12	2d Mon.....	335	4	30			4	365
443	Mount Pisgah.....	Greencastle.....	3	Tues. F. M...	54	2	14		2	1	67
444	Philo.....	Philadelphia	B	3d Tues.....	233	4	21	2	2	2	252
445	Harford.....	Hop Bottom.....	15	Thurs. F. M...	52		5				57
446	Mount Pickering...	Upper Uwchlan..	40	Mon. b. F. M.	137		7			1	143
447	Claysville.....	Claysville.....	29	Fri. F. M....	45		7	1			51
448	Zeredatha	Sharpsburg.....	32	2d Thur.....	186		19	1	1	2	201
449	Ivanhoe	Philadelphia	A	2d Thur.....	242		27		2	2	265
450	Stephen Girard	"	B	4th Wed.....	181		16	4	1	7	185
451	Zeredatha	York	42	†	137		16	1		3	149
453	Welcome.....	Philadelphia	A	3d Thur.....	229	1	13		4	3	236
454	Richard Vaux.....	Burgettstown....	29	4th Fri.....	81		3	2	1	3	78
455	Keystone.....	Erie	24	3d Tues.....	208	3	12			1	222
456	Covenant	Philadelphia	C	2d Tues.....	248	1	15			4	260
457	St. James.....	Beaver.....	37	Thur F. M...	129		11	1		3	136
458	Perry.....	Marysville	19	1st Tues.....	64		13	1		2	74
459	Valley.....	Masontown.....	31	Thur. F. M...	98		15			1	112
460	Oriental.....	Orangeville.....	35	F. M. Tues...	57		3				60
461	Monongahela Valley	Coal Centre	43	3d Mon.....	74	2	5			1	80
462	Knapp.....	Berwick	45	F. M. Fri....	122	4	10	3		1	132
463	Shepherd.....	Titusville	25	1st & 3d Mon.	82		6	4	1		83
464	Robert Burns.....	Harrisburg.....	2	3d Thur.....	364	1	42	2	2	2	401
465	Hebron.....	New Oxford.....	4	3d Mon.....	61		4	1			64
466	Kingsbury	Olyphant	13	1st Fri.....	70	2	4	1		1	74
467	Laurel	White Haven....	45	Mon. F. M...	69	1	1			1	70
468	Wyoming	Wyoming.....	12	Last Fri.....	68	1	1			1	69
469	Saucon	Coopersburg.....	10	Tues. F. M...	39		3				42
470	Palestine	Philadelphia	F	2d Thur.	199	1	12	2	2	5	203
471	Le Ray.....	Le Raysville....	16	Sat. F. M....	47		1	2	1	1	44
472	Mount Hermon....	Uniondale.....	15	Fri. F. M....	44	1	4			1	48

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473	Covenant	Cambridge Spr'gs	25	2d & 4th Fri..	98	1	4			1	102
474	Coalville.....	Ashley.....	12	2d Tues.....	127	1	5			3	130
475	Kennett.....	Kennett Square..	36	Thur. F. M...	117	1	4		2	4	116
476	Lamberton	Lancaster	1	1st Tues.....	221	1	16	1		5	232
477	Westfield	Westfield	17	Sat. F. M....	116	4	10		2	1	127
478	Beaver Valley.....	Beaver Falls.....	37	3d Tues.....	141	1	7	4	3	3	139
479	Union.....	Birdsboro	7	Thur. F. M...	92		6			1	97
480	Noble.....	Curwensville	21	Tues. F. M...	95		12			3	104
481	St. Paul's.....	Philadelphia	D	1st Thur.....	454	7	18		2	6	471
482	Athelstan.....	"	E	1st Tues.....	176	1	9	1		3	182
483	Fraternal	Rouseville.....	23	1st & 3d Wed.	78		8	1		1	84
484	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	28	2d Mon.....	522	2	22	3	2	10	531
485	Glasgow	Smith's Ferry ...	37	Tues. F. M...	74					1	73
486	Prince Edwin	Middletown	2	1st Mon.....	92	1	8	2	3	3	93
487	Rob't A. Lamberton	Philadelphia	E	1st Tues.....	200	1	21	1		4	217
490	Logan.....	Altoona.....	20	1st Tues.....	227	1	11			3	236
491	Excelsior.....	Philadelphia	A	3d Wed.....	207	4	20		5	3	223
493	Crescent	"	C	2d Mon.....	224	3	12		1	6	232
494	Tyrone	Tyrone	20	3d Mon.....	167		12	1	1	4	173
495	Renovo.....	Renovo	33	1st Tues.....	116		4		1	2	117
496	Charles M. Howell.	Millersville.....	1	Fri. F. M....	63		5	1		1	66
498	Pine	Linesville.....	25	1st Tues.....	48	1	6	1	1	1	52
499	Valley.....	Pittston.....	12	1st Thur.....	132	2	8			4	138
500	Wm. C. Hamilton.	Philadelphia	A	3d Wed.....	413	2	32	7	3	8	429
502	Pollock.....	Tarentum.....	32	1st Thur.....	139		9			3	145
503	Riverside.....	Wrightsville	42	3d Mon.....	49		4				53
504	Moscow.....	Moscow.....	13	Fri. F. M....	58	1	6	1	1		63
505	Liberty.....	Port Allegany...	22	1st Tues.....	61		8		1	1	67
506	Jerusalem.....	Philadelphia	F	2d Thur.....	213	2	22	1		3	233
507	New Milford.....	New Milford	15	3d Wed.....	33		3				36
508	Dallas	Pittsburgh	28	1st Fri.....	649	5	29		11	7	665
509	Germania.....	"	28	2d Fri.....	128	1	13			6	136
510	Braddock's Field...	Braddock	38	3d Tues.....	302		11	3		6	304
511	Shenandoah	Shenandoah	11	Wed. b. F. M.	88		1	1		2	86
512	Quakertown.....	Quakertown.....	8	Thur. F. M...	88		9				97
513	Guyasuta.....	Pittsburgh	28	3d Tues.....	166	1	27			4	190
515	Osceola	Osceola Mills...	21	2d Mon.....	121		6			2	125
516	Mahoning	Danville.....	35	2d Tues.....	125	1	9			2	133
517	Sharpsville.....	Sharpsville.....	26	1st Thur.....	50					1	49
518	Westmoreland	Greensburg.....	30	3d Tues.....	146	1	17	2	2	1	159
519	Gothic	Philadelphia	F	3d Thur.....	216	1	20		1	6	230
520	Canby	St. Petersburg...	27	1st Thur.....	83		8			2	89
521	Parker City.....	Parker's Landing	27	1st Mon.....	81	1	7	6		3	80
522	New Bethlehem ...	New Bethlehem..	27	1st Wed.....	146		22			1	167
523	Aurora	Jermyn.....	13	3d Tues.....	60	1	4		1		64
524	Everett	Everett.....	34	Fri. F. M....	106		8			1	113
525	Ionic.....	Allegheny	32	3d Mon.....	354		12	5	3	5	353
526	Stephen Bayard....	Elizabeth	43	Wed. b. F. M.	99			1		5	93
527	Philates.....	Philadelphia	B	2d Fri.....	188		8	1	16	3	176
528	Mount Horeb.....	"	A	2d Tues.....	186	2	8		3	6	187
529	St. Alban.....	"	D	1st Thur.....	230	4	11	1	3	4	237

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530	Bellevue.....	Bellevue	32	3d Mon.	209	7	36		1		251
531	George M. Dallas..	Dallas	12	Thur. F. M...	54		6	2	1	1	56
532	Driftwood.....	Driftwood.....	33	2d Fri.....	82		3	1		1	83
533	Wattsburg.....	Wattsburg	24	2d Fri.....	43		3	2	2	1	41
534	John W. Jenks....	Punxsutawney ..	21	1st Tues.....	141	1	10	1	2	1	148
535	Oakland	Pittsburgh.....	28	4th Fri.....	155		17			2	170
536	John M. Reed.....	Reynoldsville....	27	2d Tues.	80		4			3	81
537	Old Fort	Centre Hall	21	Mon. F. M...	64	5	3	1			71
538	Johnstown.....	Johnstown.....	41	1st Thur.....	181	2	11			1	193
539	Woodbury.....	Roaring Spring..	20	Thur. F. M...	77	1	6				84
540	Argyle.....	Chicora.....	27	Wed. F. M...	150		13			1	162
541	Nanticoke.....	Nanticoke.....	12	2d Thur.....	135		19			1	153
542	Waymart	Waymart	14	Tues. F. M...	39		3		1	1	40
543	Fernwood.....	Philadelphia	E	4th Thur.....	289	5	21	2		3	310
544	Centennial	Carnegie.....	28	1st Mon.....	274	4	31	1	1	5	302
545	New London.....	West Grove.....	36	Mon. F. M...	65		8	3		2	68
546	Duquesne	Pittsburgh.....	28	2d Thur.....	362	4	33		4	3	392
547	Stillwater.....	Sugar Grove.....	23	Fri. F. M...	49					1	48
548	Verona	Verona	38	1st Tues.....	92	1	5		1	1	96
549	Reading	Reading	7	4th Thur.....	213		28		2	4	235
550	Edenburg.....	Edenburg.....	27	1st Tues.....	40		4			1	43
551	Casiphia	Mount Joy.....	1	Fri. F. M...	64		3		3		64
552	Allegheny Valley..	Emlenton.....	27	2d Tues.....	81		2			1	82
553	Spring City	Spring City	40	Thur. F. M...	117	1	9			2	125
554	Meyersdale.....	Meyersdale.....	41	1st Mon.....	114	4	5	3		1	119
555	Northern Star	Duke Centre	22	1st & 3d Tues.	89	1	5		1	2	92
556	Lewisville.....	Ulysses	44	1st & 3d Wed.	49	3	2			1	53
557	Olive	Tionesta	23	2d Mon.	68	3	1	1	14		57
558	Shiloh	Lansdale.....	6	Tues. F. M...	108	2	17	2		1	124
559	Garfield.....	Du Bois.....	21	1st Thur.....	178	1	7	6	1		179
560	Eldred.....	Eldred.....	22	2d & 4th Tues.	68		2		2		68
561	Greenleaf	Allentown	10	3d Thur.....	160	1	5	2			164
562	Marion	Scottdale.....	30	1st Thur.....	123		13		1		135
563	Hellertown.....	Hellertown.....	9	Fri. F. M...	49		3	1		1	50
564	Coatesville	Coatesville	5	Thur. F. M...	131		8	3		2	134
565	Bangor	Bangor.....	9	2d Wed.	87			3			84
566	Kane	Kane.....	33	1st Wed.....	107		8			1	114
567	Prosperity.....	Riegelsville	8	Fri. F. M...	53	1	5			1	58
568	La Monte.....	Derry Station....	30	Last Thur. . .	81		5		1	3	82
569	Keystone.....	Parkesburg.	5	F. M. Fri. ...	80		6				86
570	Ashlar.....	Wiconisco	2	Tues. F. M...	96		8	1		3	100
571	Wilcox	Wilcox	33	1st & 3d Tues.	70	2	14		2		84
572	Cromwell.....	Orbisonia	34	Last Tues. ...	60		2				62
573	Corinthian.....	Millvale Borough	32	1st Wed.....	112	1	8		2	1	118
574	Coalport.....	Coalport	21	4th Mon.....	87	2	8		2		95
575	Hebron.....	Mercer.....	26	2d Mon.	104		3	10		2	95
576	Crescent	Pittsburgh.....	28	1st Mon.....	269		13		1	3	278
577	Leechburg	Leechburg	27	2d Thur.....	69		3			1	71
578	Prospect	Moore's	36	1st Thur.....	92		9	2	1	1	97
579	Acacia.....	Taylor.....	13	1st Mon.....	120	1	22	5		1	137
580	Arcana	Austin.....	44	2d & 4th Wed.	64		4		4	1	63

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581	Wayne	Wayne	6	3d Tues.	87		7		2		92
582	Homestead	Homestead	38	3d Mon.	189	3	8	1	1	1	197
583	Youghiogheny	McKeesport	38	3d Tues.	251	2	26	1	6		272
584	King Solomon	Dunmore	13	1st Mon.	77	4	12	3		3	87
585	Royersford	Royersford	40	Fri. F. M.	89		8				97
586	Acacia	Waynesboro	4	3d Fri.	82	1	11		4	1	89
587	Manheim	Manheim	1	Mon. F. M. ...	90	1	11			1	101
588	Oriental Star	Peckville	13	3d Tues.	81		1		1		81
589	Hyndman	Hyndman	34	3d Mon.	57		1			2	58
590	Orient	Wilkinsburg	38	1st Tues.	311	3	52	2	4	3	357
591	Equity	Philadelphia	C	2d Wed.	160	2	13	4	4	2	165
592	Adelpha	Harrison Valley ..	44	2d & 4th Tues.	41	1	4		2		44
593	Blyth	West Newton	30	Mon. F. M. ...	98	1	7				106
594	Pen Argyl	Pen Argyl	9	1st Thur.	60	1	9		1		69
595	Perkiomen	East Greenville ..	40	F. M. Tues. ...	47		4	1			50
596	MacCalla	Sellersville	8	2d Mon.	58	1	3				62
597	Green Ridge	Scranton	13	2d Mon.	129	2	12				143
598	Sharon	Shingle House	44	2d & 4th Thur.	61	2	4		1	2	64
599	Ellwood	Ellwood City	26	3d Wed.	61		4		1		64
600	Tacony	Philadelphia	F	3d Tues.	134		14				148
601	Shidle	Irwin	30	1st Tues.	67		11	1			77
602	Galeton	Galeton	44	1st & 3d Tues.	80		7			1	86
603	Grove City	Grove City	26	3d Tues.	80	2	10				92
604	Garfield	McDonald	29	2d & 4th Tues.	118		6	1	3	1	119
605	E. Coppée Mitchell	Philadelphia	B	3d Mon.	170	2	23			2	193
606	Radiant Star	"	C	4th Mon.	82		6		1	3	84
607	Olivet	"	B	4th Tues.	216	3	22			1	240
608	Joppa	Pittsburgh	28	1st Tues.	138	1	18	1	5		151
609	Progress	Philadelphia	A	4th Wed.	152	8	17	1	1		175
610	University	"	E	4th Fri.	506	11	81	2	1	1	594
611	Arbutus	Freeland	45	3d Tues.	94	1	4				99
612	Tyrian	Wilmerding	38	1st Thur.	99		1	1		1	98
613	Valley	Turtle Creek	38	2d Tues.	108	1	9	1	3	1	113
614	James Cochran	Dawson	31	2d Tues.	58		2		1		59
615	Charleroi	Charleroi	43	2d Thur.	145	3	23	5	9	2	155
616	Hiram	Altoona	20	3d Thur.	83		6		1	2	86
617	Kiskiminetas	Vandergrift	39	1st Tues.	73	4	9				86
618	Wyalusing	Wyalusing	16	Wed. F. M. ...	55		5		1	1	58
619	Middleburg	Middleburg	35	*	48		2	1			49
620	Norristown	Norristown	6	3d Mon.	146		12		2		156
621	Leighton	Leighton	45	1st Thur.	56		12				68
622	Whitfield	Nazareth	9	2d Mon.	48		4			1	51
623	Sunset	Washington	29	3d Mon.	58		6				64
624	Henry W. Williams	Philadelphia	F	3d Tues.	44		13				57
625	Concord	Concordville	36	Wed. F. M. ...	51		14				65
626	Donora	Donora	43	3d Tues.	54		10				64
627	Mount Jewett	Mount Jewett	22	4th Mon.	32		9				41
628	J. Simpson Africa ..	East Stroudsburg ..	9	4th Thur.	49	1	11		1		60
629	Harrisburg	Harrisburg	2	1st Thur.	82	3	42				127
630	Doric	Sewickley	32	2d Thur.	65	5	8		1		77
631	Colonial	Philadelphia	E	3d Fri.	24		7				31

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632	Maclay	Sunbury	2	Fri. a. F.M..	29		46				75
633	Marienville.....	Marienville	23	1st Wed.		15	2				17
634	Fort Pitt.....	Pittsburgh	28	1st Mon.....							
635	Homewood.....	"	28	3d Mon.....							
636	Michael Arnold....	Philadelphia	B	3d Mon.....							
637	Chapman.....	Alliance	9	2d Wed.....							
638	Monessen.....	Monessen.....	43	1st Tues.....							
639	George E. Wagner.	Saint Marys.....	33	1st Mon.....							
640	East Brady.....	East Brady.....	27	1st Thur.....							
641	McKeesport.....	McKeesport.	38	4th Fri.....							
642	New Castle.....	New Castle.....	26	1st Mon							

SUMMARY.

Number of Lodges December 27, 1903.....	447	
Lodges constituted during the year 1904	1	
Number of Lodges December 27, 1904....	448	
Membership of Lodges December 27, 1903.....		67,706
Admitted during the year 1904	575	
Initiated during the year 1904	5,104	
		5,679
		73,385
Suspended and expelled during the year 1904....	514	
Resigned during the year 1904.....	470	
Deceased during the year 1904.....	1,152	
		2,136
Membership December 27, 1904.....		71,249
Membership December 27, 1903.....		67,706
Increase during the year 1904.....		3,543

ABSTRACT OF RETURNS OF LODGES FOR 1905.

Mon. F. M. = Monday on or before Full Moon.

F. M. Mon. = Monday on or after Full Moon.

Mon. a. F. M. = Monday after Full Moon.

Mon. b. F. M. = Monday before Full Moon.

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2	Philadelphia	B	3d Mon.....	181		13	1		6	187
3	"	B	3d Tues.....	241	2	15	2		7	249
9	"	E	1st Fri.....	407	2	34	2		6	435
19	Montgomery	"	D	1st Thur.....	260		14	2		6	266
21	Perseverance	Harrisburg	2	2d Mon.....	363	4	26	2	4	4	383
22	.....	Sunbury	2	*	149	1	10	1	2	3	154
25	Bristol.....	Bristol.....	8	Sat. F. M. ...	162		8		1	4	165
43	.....	Lancaster.....	1	2d Wed.....	291	1	14			10	296
45	.....	Pittsburgh.....	28	Last Wed....	410	1	19	1	1	9	419
51	.....	Philadelphia	D	4th Thur.....	159		2		1	5	155
52	Harmony	"	D	1st Mon.....	215	1	22		1	3	234
59	Washington.....	"	A	2d Tues.....	606	4	44	5	6	9	634
60	Brownsville.....	Brownsville	31	1st Mon.....	116	2	4		2	2	118
61	.....	Wilkes-Barre....	12	1st Mon.....	308	3	21	3	1	3	325
62	.....	Reading	7	1st Mon.....	284	1	11	5	1	4	286
67	Concordia.....	Philadelphia	C	3d Thur.....	288	3	28	1		7	311
70	Rural Amity.....	Athens	16	†	197	5	22			3	221
71	La Fayette.....	Philadelphia	B	4th Wed.....	186	2	10			4	194
72	Philadelphia	"	A	3d Thur.....	243	1	10	2		5	247
75	Phoenix.....	Phoenixville....	40	Sat. F. M. ...	229	2	6		1	6	230
81	Hiram.....	Philadelphia	F	2d Wed.....	124	1	15		2	3	135
91	Columbia	"	C	4th Mon.....	182		5		1	4	182
106	.....	Williamsport....	18	1st Mon	294	6	20			8	312
108	Union	Towanda.....	16	3d Wed.....	201	1	9	1	1	3	206
114	Solomon's.....	Philadelphia	B	3d Fri.....	196	2	13	1		5	205
115	St. John's.....	"	E	2d Mon.....	341	4	31	1		9	366
121	Union	"	A	2d Thur.....	168	1	6	2	1	3	169
125	Hermann	"	B	2d Wed.....	298		12	1	1	11	297
126	Rising Star.....	"	C	2d Mon.....	212	2	16	2	1	8	219
130	Phoenix.....	"	D	3d Wed.....	278		12	2		10	278
131	Industry	"	E	2d Mon.....	148	3	9	2		1	157
134	Franklin.....	"	A	†	149	2	15		2	4	160
135	Roxborough.....	"	F	2d Tues.....	271		22			6	287
138	Schuykill.....	Orwigsburg	11	Last Mon....	68		8	2		2	72
143	George Washington	Chambersburg...	3	Fri. F. M....	152	1	19	1		2	169
144	Charity.....	Lewisburg	18	Tues. F. M...	108	1	7	5		2	109
152	Easton.....	Easton	9	1st Thur.....	213	3	9			2	223
153	Waynesburg	Waynesburg	29	2d Mon.....	171	1	4				176

* No. 22 meets evening of Full Moon, except when Moon is full on Sunday; then Monday.

† No. 70 meets Tuesday on or before Full Moon and St. John the Evangelist's Day, Dec. 27.

‡ No. 134 meets last week day of every month.

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155	Mount Moriah.....	Philadelphia.....	B	4th Tues.....	415	1 30		2	3	15	426
156	Washington.....	Quarryville.....	1	Fri. F. M. ...	79	1 3				1	82
158	Meridian Sun.....	Philadelphia.....	D	1st Tues.....	553	7 40		4	3	12	581
163	Evergreen.....	Monroeton.....	16	Tues. F. M....	139	2 6			2	1	144
164	Washington.....	Washington.....	29	1st Mon.....	157	1 14			2	2	168
186	Eastern Star.....	Philadelphia.....	C	2d Wed.....	210	3 10		2		9	212
187	Integrity.....	".....	D	2d Thur.....	226		24		1	8	241
190	Charity.....	Norristown.....	6	1st Mon.....	360	8 42		2	2	7	399
194	La Fayette.....	Selin's Grove....	35	Fri. F. M....	113	1			2		112
197	Cumberland Star...	Carlisle.....	3	2d Tues.....	127		2	4		4	121
199	La Fayette.....	Lock Haven.....	33	2d Thur.....	163	4 9		1	2	4	169
203	Lewistown.....	Lewistown.....	19	*.....	158	3 23			1	3	180
211	Kensington.....	Philadelphia.....	F	1st Fri.....	499	4 34			4	25	508
216	Pulaski.....	Pottsville.....	11	3d Mon.....	208	2 6		1		4	211
218	Honesdale.....	Honesdale.....	14	Thur. F. M....	118		17			1	134
219	St. John's.....	Pittsburgh.....	28	2d Thur.....	519	5 41		5	2	16	542
220	Portage.....	Hollidaysburg...	20	1st Tues.....	71		10	1		2	78
221	Franklin.....	Pittsburgh.....	28	3d Wed.....	493	4 24				6	515
222	Minersville.....	Minersville.....	11	2d Thur.....	68	1 8		1		2	74
223	Allegheny.....	Allegheny.....	32	2d Mon.....	337	5 9		2	4	5	340
224	Danville.....	Danville.....	35	3d Tues.....	121	1 4		1		1	124
225	Philanthropy.....	Greensburg.....	30	2d Mon.....	156		11			1	166
226	Mount Lebanon....	Lebanon.....	2	†.....	189		26			5	210
227	Chandler.....	Reading.....	7	1st Tues.....	368		20	2	1	7	378
228	Fayette.....	Uniontown.....	31	2d Mon.....	257		10	2	1	4	260
229	Rochester.....	Rochester.....	37	Fri. F. M....	185	3 7		4	2	2	187
230	Richmond.....	Philadelphia.....	F	2d Wed.....	299	1 11		1		8	302
231	Solomon.....	Pittsburgh.....	28	1st Thur.....	174	1 5			1	4	175
232	La Belle Vallée....	Jersey Shore....	18	1st Fri.....	116		11			1	126
233	St. John's.....	Pittston.....	12	‡.....	164	2 14		1		5	174
234	Crawford.....	Meadville.....	25	1st Thur.....	133		5		1	8	129
236	Chester.....	Chester.....	36	1st Thur.....	353	2 21		2	1	5	368
237	Beallsville.....	Beallsville.....	29	Wed. F. M....	76	2 1			1	1	77
238	Tamaqua.....	Tamaqua.....	11	Fri. F. M....	186		9			5	190
239	Armstrong.....	Freeport.....	27	3d Mon.....	61		10			1	70
240	Warren.....	Montrose.....	15	Wed. F. M....	77	1 3		3	2	1	75
241	North Star.....	Warren.....	23	3d Thur.....	222	3 15		1	2	3	234
242	Carbon.....	Mauch Chunk...	45	2d Wed.....	131	1 4				2	134
243	Mahoning.....	New Castle.....	26	4th Tues.....	217	6 21		2	4	1	237
244	Kittanning.....	Kittanning.....	27	1st Tues.....	151	1 8			4	1	155
245	Doylestown.....	Doylestown.....	8	Fri. F. M....	190		20		2	6	202
246	Shekinah.....	Philadelphia.....	A	3d Mon.....	536	7 39		3		21	558
247	Friendship.....	Mansfield.....	17	Mon. F. M....	76		4			1	79
248	Temple.....	Tunkhannock...	16	Mon. F. M....	179		8	4		3	180
249	Carbondale.....	Carbondale.....	13	1st Wed.....	170		21			1	190
250	Sharon.....	Sharon.....	26	1st Fri.....	186	4 13		5		2	196
252	Gummert.....	Fayette City....	31	Mon. F. M....	138	1 13			16	4	132
253	Washington.....	Pittsburgh.....	28	Last Tues....	378	4 5		1	4	8	374
254	Stichter.....	Pottstown.....	40	2d Wed.....	217		10	2	1	5	219
255	Shamokin.....	Shamokin.....	2	1st Fri.....	211		16			4	223
256	Milton.....	Milton.....	35	1st Mon.....	145	1 13					159

* No. 203 meets second Tuesday and St. John the Evangelist's Day, Dec. 27.

† No. 226 meets third Thursday and St. Johns' Days, June 24 and Dec. 27.

‡ No. 233 meets Tuesday on or before Full Moon and St. Johns' Days, June 24 and Dec. 27.

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258	Western Crawford .	Conneautville . . .	25	1st & 3d Mon.	61	3	1				65
259	Union	New Brighton . . .	37	1st Tues.	140		10		2		148
260	St. John's	Carlisle	3	3d Thur.	146		8		1	4	149
261	Hiram	Scranton	13	2d Thur.	116		14			2	128
262	Orrstown	Orrstown	3	Thur. F. M. . . .	45						45
263	Franklin	Laceyville	16	Tues. F. M. . . .	78		7	1		2	82
264	Columbus	Columbus	23	Thur. F. M. . . .	42	2	2		1	3	42
265	Washington	Bloomsburg	35	3d Mon.	158	2	6	1	1	2	162
266	York	York	42	*	189	3	15			4	203
267	Swatara	Tremont	11	2d Thur.	111		7			1	117
268	Bellefonte	Bellefonte	21	Tues. F. M. . . .	175	1	15	1	1	1	188
269	Monongahela	Pittsburgh	28	1st Fri.	371	1	31			3	400
270	Page	Schuylkill Haven	11	2d Fri.	110				1	1	108
271	Keystone	Philadelphia	E	1st Mon.	204	3	8	1	2	4	208
272	Butler	Butler	27	1st Thur.	190	7	18	1	5	4	205
273	Cassia	Ardmore	6	Thur. F. M. . . .	265	4	29	2	2	3	291
274	Hamilton	Philadelphia	B	4th Tues.	307	1	23		4	5	322
275	Loyalhanna	Latrobe	30	1st Mon.	111		4	2		1	112
276	Hobah	Brookville	27	2d Mon.	135	1	8			4	140
277	Clarion	Clarion	27	1st Mon.	155	1	2	1	4	5	148
278	Cambria	Johnstown	41	2d Tues.	258		16	7	1	2	264
281	Mountain	Altoona	20	3d Tues.	222		23			4	241
282	Juniata	Hollidaysburg . . .	20	2d Mon.	118	1	7		1	2	123
283	Bethlehem	Bethlehem	9	1st Tues.	185	4	10	3	1	2	193
284	Porter	Catasauqua	10	1st Fri.	142		10		12	2	138
285	Anthracite	St. Clair	11	3d Wed.	100		1		1	2	98
286	Columbia	Columbia	42	1st Thur.	177		8		1	2	182
287	Milnor	Pittsburgh	28	3d Tues.	545	5	47	4		7	586
288	Jefferson	Allegheny	32	1st Wed.	125		14	1		2	136
289	Orient	Philadelphia	E	4th Fri.	227	6	37	3	1	7	259
290	Eureka	Greenville	26	1st Mon.	150	10	5	1	2	4	158
291	Union	Scranton	13	2d Fri.	343		44	6	2	5	374
292	Frankford	Philadelphia	F	2d Tues.	319	2	22			9	334
294	Ashland	Ashland	11	2d Thur.	157		8	1		4	160
295	Melita	Philadelphia	D	4th Wed.	422	7	45			5	469
296	Mitchell	"	F	2d Thur.	283	2	17	1	2	6	293
297	Chartiers	Canonsburg	29	2d Mon.	89	4	11		2	2	100
298	Geo. W. Bartram . .	Media	36	2d Mon.	147	4	6	1	1	2	153
299	Muncy	Muncy	18	1st Thur.	116	1	9				126
300	Mount Moriah	Huntingdon	34	2d Mon.	159		11			3	167
301	Waverly	Clark's Summit . .	13	Tues. F. M. . . .	81	4	14	6		1	92
302	Eureka	Mechanicsburg . . .	3	1st Mon.	140	4	5	1	2	2	144
303	Oil Creek	Titusville	25	2d & 4th Tues. .	137	3	3	1	2	2	138
304	Western Star	Albion	24	1st & 3d Tues. .	74	1	6		2		79
305	Hawley	Hawley	14	Tues. F. M. . . .	63		2				65
306	Trojan	Troy	16	Tues. F. M. . . .	95	2	8	5	2	1	97
307	Williamson	Womelsdorf	7	1st Thur.	129	1	7	3	1	4	129
308	Fort Washington . .	Fort Washington	8	Sat. F. M.	91		5		1	2	93
309	Williamson	Downingtown . . .	5	Fri. F. M.	83	1	18			3	99
310	Warren	Trappe	6	Sat. F. M.	100		5		1		104
311	Portland	Portland	9	Thur. F. M. . . .	54		4				58

* No. 266 meets Tuesday after first Monday.

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312	Summit.....	Ebensburg	41	2d Tues.....	164		12		1	2	173
313	Indiana.....	Indiana.....	39	2d Tues.....	125		6	2	1	2	126
314	Clearfield	Clearfield	21	1st Mon.....	148	1	6			4	151
315	Cumberland Valley	Shippensburg....	3	2d Fri.....	65		4			2	67
316	Myrtle.....	Franklin.....	23	1st & 3d Mon.	190	2	14	4		5	197
317	Ossea	Wellsboro.....	17	1st Tues.....	151		8	6	2	2	149
318	McKinley.....	Allegheny	32	1st Tues.....	342		7		5	3	341
319	Adams	New Bloomfield .	19	Wed. F. M...	55		6			1	60
320	Bedford.....	Bedford.....	34	2d Thur.....	107	1	5		1	3	109
321	Hailman.....	Pittsburgh	28	3d Tues.....	296	2	34		3	4	325
322	West Chester.....	West Chester....	5	1st Mon.....	184	1	12			4	193
323	Peter Williamson..	Scranton	13	1st Tues.....	304	4	29	3	1	6	327
324	Union	Mifflintown	19	2d Thur.....	108		3	2			109
325	Barger.....	Stroudsburg.....	9	1st Tues.....	172	1	7	4		4	172
326	Lehigh	Trexlerstown....	10	Tues. F. M...	77		12	1			88
327	Hazle.....	Hazleton.....	45	1st Mon.....	225	2	14	11	1	4	225
328	Freedom.....	Jackson.....	15	Wed. F. M...	48		2		2		48
330	Salem.....	Hamlington	14	Mon. F. M...	80		3			1	82
331	Ligonier.....	Ligonier.....	30	Fri. b. F. M...	82		2			1	83
332	Plymouth.	Plymouth.....	12	Tues. F. M...	90	1	8			2	97
333	Barger.....	Allentown	10	3d Fri.....	190	2	22		1	4	209
334	Union	Bradford.....	22	2d Thur.....	383	4	9	4	3	6	383
335	Eureka	Montoursville ...	18	Fri. b. F. M...	81		7	2			86
336	Good Samaritan ...	Gettysburg.....	4	2d Thur.....	121	2	4			1	126
337	Henry M. Phillips.	Monongahela....	43	2d Tues.....	179		15	2		6	186
338	Great Bend.....	Great Bend.....	15	2d Tues.....	67	2	3	2		2	68
339	Hyde Park.....	Scranton	13	3d Mon.....	300		21	3	1	5	312
340	Thomson	Green Tree.....	5	Wed. F. M...	158		8			7	159
341	Factoryville.....	Factoryville.....	13	Tues. F. M...	82		10	2	2	2	86
342	Eulalia	Coudersport.....	44	*	169	5	8	1	1	3	177
343	Skerrett.....	Cochranville....	5	Tues. F. M...	145		8			5	148
344	Milford	Milford.....	14	Wed. F. M...	73		5			1	77
345	Schiller.....	Scranton	13	2d Mon.....	258	1	31	2		4	284
346	King Solomon.....	Connellsville	31	3d Mon.....	168	1	5		5	2	167
347	Lake Erie.....	Girard.....	24	1st Wed.....	95	5	7		1	2	104
348	Patmos	Hanover.....	4	†	108	1	11	1	2		117
349	Catawissa.....	Catawissa	35	Tues. b. F. M.	94		5		2	1	96
350	Bloss.....	Blossburg	17	Sat. F. M...	142		8		1	1	148
351	Cowanesque.....	Knoxville.....	17	Wed. F. M...	51	3	12			2	64
352	Lucius H. Scott....	Chester	36	1st Tues.....	269		24	1	1	8	283
353	Oxford.....	Oxford.....	36	Wed. F. M...	147		2			2	147
354	Sylvania	Shickshinny.....	12	Mon. F. M...	81	1	6		1	1	86
355	Acacia.....	Blairsville.....	39	2d Thur.....	122		5	1	2		124
357	Mahanoy City.....	Mahanoy City....	11	3d Thur.....	115	1	1			3	114
358	Somerset.....	Somerset.....	41	Tues. F. M...	132		8	1	1	6	132
359	Humboldt.....	Philadelphia	C	4th Thur.....	123		9			4	128
360	Canawacta	Susquehanna	15	1st Fri.....	143		7			2	148
361	Big Spring.....	Newville	3	2d Thur.....	63		3	1			65
362	Tyrian	Erie.....	24	1st Fri.....	188	1	9		2	4	192
363	Petrolia	Oil City.....	23	1st Fri.....	305	2	16	2	1	2	318
364	Susquehanna	Millersburg	2	1st Fri.....	84	1	4		1	1	87

* No. 342 meets second and fourth Wednesday, except December, which shall be second Wednesday.

† No. 348 meets second Tuesday, except October, November, January, February, and March, which shall be second and fourth Tuesdays.

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365	Corry	Corry	24	1st Tues.	107		5	1	2	2	107
366	Eureka	Union City	24	1st Fri.	69	2	5				76
367	Teutonia	Reading	7	3d Thur.	87		12	1			98
368	Corinthian	Philadelphia	C	3d Tues.	174	4	12		3	5	182
369	Williamson	"	C	3d Thur.	159	1	10		1	1	168
370	Mifflinburg	Mifflinburg	18	Mon. F. M. ...	73		9		1	2	79
371	Lamberton	Thompsons town ..	19	Mon. F. M. ...	34			1		2	31
372	Spartan	Spartansburg	25	1st Mon.	62		2	9	2	1	52
373	Tioga	Tioga	17	3d Thur.	77		2	1	2	2	74
374	Davage	Allegheny	32	2d Thur.	302	1	24	2	1	2	322
375	Alliquippa	McKeesport	38	1st Tues.	302	1	8	2	2	2	305
376	McVeytown	McVeytown	19	1st Tues.	51		5				56
377	Huguenot	Kutztown	7	Sat. F. M.	125		4	2		1	126
378	Mount Carmel	Mt. Carmel	2	2d Thur.	100	1	6				107
379	Elk	Ridgway	33	2d & 4th Tues.	196	2	6	1	6	1	196
380	Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	D	1st Tues.	119	4	28		1		150
381	Newport	Newport	19	1st Tues.	68	2	2		1	1	70
382	Emporium	Emporium	33	2d Tues.	93		2			2	93
383	Goddard	Coatesville	5	F. M. Tues. ...	141	1	9	3		5	143
384	Richard Vaux	Philadelphia	E	1st Mon.	188	1	26		1	2	212
385	Oriental	"	C	1st Thur.	406	2	41			3	446
386	Apollo	"	D	3d Wed.	324		25	1	4	10	334
388	McKean	Smethport	22	2d & 4th Wed.	95	3	5		1	2	100
389	Kedron	West Middlesex ..	26	1st Mon.	45		5	1			49
390	McCandless	Pittsburgh	28	2d Wed.	354	1	7		3	5	354
391	Moshannon	Philipsburg	21	2d Thur.	160		8			2	166
392	Perry	Erie	24	2d Tues.	217	2	13		3	3	226
393	Vaux	Philadelphia	A	4th Tues.	209	1	27	1	1	5	230
395	Kingston	Kingston	12	2d Wed.	158		17			4	171
396	Dallas	Easton	9	1st Tues.	240	1	23	2	2	1	259
397	Ivy	Williamsport	18	1st Tues.	273	1	14		1	3	284
398	Ashara	Marietta	42	Mon. F. M. ...	79		5		2	1	81
399	North East	North East	24	1st Wed.	119	2	3			2	122
400	Friendship	Jenkintown	8	Tues. F. M. ...	158	1	19			5	173
401	Watson town	Watson town	18	Wed. F. M. ...	102		3	2		3	100
402	Perkins	Philadelphia	E	1st Fri.	262	2	8			6	266
404	Eureka	Northumberland ..	35	3d Mon.	62		8			1	69
405	Howell	Honey Brook	5	Wed. F. M. ...	97	1	6		1	2	101
406	Vaux	Hamburg	7	2d Thur.	139		10			5	144
408	.....	Meadville	25	1st Mon.	72	1	12				85
409	Pine Grove	Pine Grove	11	1st Mon.	67		3			2	68
410	W. K. Bray	Hatboro.	8	Wed. F. M. ...	93		8			4	97
411	Meridian	Enon Valley	37	Fri. F. M.	61		4			1	64
412	Temple	Tidioute	23	2d Tues.	49		3		1	2	49
413	Manoquesy	Bath	9	Fri. F. M.	58		6		2	2	60
414	Elysburg	Elysburg	2	Thur. F. M. ...	41		1				42
415	Canton	Canton	16	Tues. F. M. ...	126	1	7	4	4	2	124
416	Oasis	Edinboro	24	2d & 4th Tues.	52						52
417	Christiana	Christiana	1	Thur. F. M. ...	139		14			1	152
418	Roman	Rome	16	Sat. F. M.	45	2	2		2	1	46
419	Wm. B. Schnider..	Philadelphia	C	2d Tues.	458	2	21		3	13	465

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420	Fritz	Conshohocken ...	6	3d Tues.....	146		13			1	158
421	Osceola	Elkland	17	2d Fri.....	49		4		3	1	49
423	Shrewsbury	Shrewsbury	4	Tues. F. M...	94		9			1	102
424	Adelphic	Jamestown.....	26	1st & 3d Tues.	56	2	5			2	61
425	Waterford.....	Waterford	24	Tues. F. M...	85		4			1	88
426	Cressona.....	Cressona	11	Thur. F. M...	69		7			1	75
427	Newtown.....	Newtown	8	Wed. F. M...	110		3	1	1		111
428	Smithfield.....	East Smithfield..	16	*	34			1		1	32
429	Harmony	Zelienople.....	37	Thur. F. M...	70	2	11		2		81
430	Stuckrath	Allegheny	32	2d Thur.....	425		10	1	1	7	426
431	Williamson	Saltsburg	39	1st Tues.....	55					1	54
432	.....	Philadelphia	D	2d Thur.....	280	2	18	2	1	4	293
433	Lodge of the Craft..	New Castle.....	26	3d Tues.....	216	8	20	2	8	3	231
434	Lake	Sandy Lake.....	26	2d Thur.....	127	2	5			1	133
435	St. John's.....	Reading.....	7	1st Fri.....	224		11		1	3	231
436	Mozart	Philadelphia	A	2d Tues.....	284	4	11	1	1	6	291
437	Apollo	Apollo.....	39	2d Tues.....	81	2	4	3	3		81
438	Nicholson.....	Nicholson.....	15	Sat. F. M....	82		6		1	2	85
439	Forest City.....	Forest City.....	15	1st Mon.....	74		4			2	76
440	Slatington.....	Slatington.....	10	Thur. F. M...	85		9		4	1	89
441	Potter	Philadelphia	E	3d Fri.....	358		20	2	3	11	362
442	Landmark	Wilkes-Barre....	12	2d Mon.....	365	7	22	4	1	3	386
443	Mount Pisgah.....	Greencastle.....	3	Tues. F. M...	67		4			1	70
444	Philo.....	Philadelphia	B	3d Tues.....	252	2	31	2	4	2	277
445	Harford.....	Hop Bottom.....	15	Thurs. F. M...	57		4	4			57
446	Mount Pickering...	Upper Uwchlan ..	40	Mon. b. F. M.	143			1			142
447	Claysville.....	Claysville.....	29	Fri. F. M....	51		5			1	55
448	Zeredatha	Sharpsburg.....	32	2d Thur.....	201	1	22	1		4	219
449	Ivanhoe	Philadelphia	A	2d Thur.....	265	1	19	1	1	6	277
450	Stephen Girard	"	B	4th Wed.....	185	6	18	1		5	203
451	Zeredatha	York	42	†	149	1	12			1	161
453	Welcome.....	Philadelphia	A	3d Thur.....	236	2	11		1	6	242
454	Richard Vaux.....	Burgettstown....	29	4th Fri.....	78		13	1	2	2	86
455	Keystone.....	Erie.....	24	3d Tues.....	222	1	12	2	1	2	230
456	Covenant	Philadelphia	C	2d Tues.....	260	1	19	2	1	5	272
457	St. James.....	Beaver.....	37	Thur. F. M...	136	1	10				147
458	Perry.....	Marysville	19	1st Tues.....	74		1			1	74
459	Valley.....	Masontown.....	31	Thur. F. M...	112	1	8		1		120
460	Oriental.....	Orangeville.....	35	F. M. Tues...	60	1	11		1	1	70
461	Monongahela Valley	Coal Centre	43	3d Mon.....	80		11	2		1	88
462	Knapp.....	Berwick	45	F. M. Fri....	132	1	10			2	141
463	Shepherd.....	Titusville	25	1st & 3d Mon.	83	2	4	4	3	4	78
464	Robert Burns.....	Harrisburg.....	2	3d Thur.....	401		30	1	1	3	426
465	Hebron.....	New Oxford.....	4	3d Mon.....	64		5				69
466	Kingsbury	Olyphant	13	1st Fri.....	74		4	2		1	75
467	Laurel	White Haven....	45	Mon. F. M...	70		2		1	1	70
468	Wyoming	Wyoming.....	12	Last Fri.....	69		8			2	75
469	Saucon.....	Coopersburg.....	10	Tues. F. M...	42		5	1	1		45
470	Palestine	Philadelphia	F	2d Thur.....	203	1	9		1	2	210
471	Le Ray.....	Le Raysville....	16	Sat. F. M....	44		1		3		42
472	Mount Hermon....	Uniondale.....	15	Fri. F. M....	48		2			1	49

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† No. 451 meets Thursday after first Monday.

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473	Covenant	Cambridge Spr'gs	25	2d & 4th Fri..	102	3	8			3	110
474	Coalville.....	Ashley.....	12	2d Tues.....	130		9		2	3	134
475	Kennett.....	Kennett Square..	36	Thur. F. M...	116		10		1	2	123
476	Lamberton	Lancaster	1	1st Tues.....	232	1	6	1		5	233
477	Westfield	Westfield	17	Sat. F. M....	127	2	3	1	1	3	127
478	Beaver Valley.....	Beaver Falls.....	37	3d Tues.....	139	1	2		1	3	138
479	Union.....	Birdsboro	7	Thur. F. M...	97		7			3	101
480	Noble.....	Curwensville	21	Tues. F. M...	104	1	6			1	110
481	St. Paul's.....	Philadelphia	D	1st Thur.....	471	9	24	11	4	8	481
482	Athelstan.....	"	E	1st Tues.....	182	3	10	3	1	3	188
483	Fraternal	Rouseville.....	23	1st & 3d Wed.	84		6			1	89
484	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	28	2d Mon.....	531	2	12	3	3	6	533
485	Glasgow	Smith's Ferry ...	37	Tues. F. M...	73	1			1	1	72
486	Prince Edwin	Middletown	2	1st Mon.....	93	1	6		1		99
487	Rob't A. Lamberton	Philadelphia	E	1st Tues.....	217	3	12	1		4	227
490	Logan	Altoona.....	20	1st Tues.....	236		19	2		4	249
491	Excelsior.....	Philadelphia	A	3d Wed.....	223		19	5		7	230
493	Crescent	"	C	2d Mon.....	232		20	1	2	5	244
494	Tyrone	Tyrone	20	3d Mon.....	173		9	3		3	176
495	Renovo.....	Renovo	33	1st Tues.....	117		9	2		1	123
496	Charles M. Howell.	Millersville.....	1	Fri. F. M....	66		10			1	75
498	Pine	Linesville	25	1st Tues.....	52	3	4			1	58
499	Valley.....	Pittston.....	12	1st Thur.....	138		19	2	3	2	150
500	Wm. C. Hamilton.	Philadelphia	A	3d Wed.....	429	2	29	3	1	5	451
502	Pollock	Tarentum	32	1st Thur.....	145	1	22	6			162
503	Riverside.....	Wrightsville	42	3d Mon.....	53		1			1	53
504	Moscow	Moscow.....	13	Fri. F. M....	63		3	1	1		64
505	Liberty	Port Allegany...	22	1st Tues.....	67	2	3	3		1	68
506	Jerusalem.....	Philadelphia	F	2d Thur.....	233	1	30	1	1	4	258
507	New Milford.....	New Milford	15	3d Wed.....	36	1				2	35
508	Dallas	Pittsburgh	28	1st Fri.....	665	2	13	2	4	7	667
509	Germania	"	28	2d Fri.....	136		14			6	144
510	Braddock's Field...	Braddock	38	3d Tues.....	304	1	20	1	2	6	316
511	Shenandoah	Shenandoah	11	Wed. b. F. M.	86		7	3	1	1	88
512	Quakertown.....	Quakertown.....	8	Thur. F. M...	97		5	2		2	98
513	Guyasuta.....	Pittsburgh	28	3d Tues.....	190		15			4	201
515	Osceola	Osceola Mills....	21	2d Mon.....	125		10	3			132
516	Mahoning	Danville	35	2d Tues.....	133		15				148
517	Sharpsville	Sharpsville.....	26	1st Thur.....	49	2	6				57
518	Westmoreland	Greensburg.....	30	3d Tues.....	159	1	5		1	3	161
519	Gothic	Philadelphia	F	3d Thur.....	230	2	15				247
520	Canby	St. Petersburg...	27	1st Thur.....	89		4	2		1	90
521	Parker City.....	Parker's Landing	27	1st Mon.....	80	4	13		1	2	94
522	New Bethlehem ...	New Bethlehem..	27	1st Wed.....	167	1	13	4	8	2	167
523	Aurora	Jermyn.....	13	3d Tues.....	64	1	2			1	66
524	Everett	Everett.....	34	Fri. F. M....	113		13			3	123
525	Ionic.....	Allegheny	32	3d Mon.....	353	2	9	3	2	1	358
526	Stephen Bayard....	Elizabeth	43	Wed. b. F. M.	93	2	7		10	4	88
527	Philates.....	Philadelphia	B	2d Fri.....	176		25	3	6	8	184
528	Mount Horeb.....	"	A	2d Tues.....	187	4	17	2		2	204
529	St. Alban.....	"	D	1st Thur.....	237	2	11	1		5	244

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530	Bellevue.....	Bellevue	32	3d Mon.	251	7	41		4	1	294
531	George M. Dallas..	Dallas	12	Thur. F. M...	56		4				60
532	Driftwood.....	Driftwood.....	33	2d Fri.....	83		2	1		1	83
533	Wattsburg	Wattsburg	24	2d Fri.....	41		4	1		1	43
534	John W. Jenks....	Punxsutawney ..	21	1st Tues.....	148	1	11		2	1	157
535	Oakland	Pittsburgh	28	4th Fri.....	170		25			3	192
536	John M. Reed.....	Reynoldsville....	27	2d Tues.	81		1			2	80
537	Old Fort	Centre Hall	21	Mon. F. M...	71		3		1	1	72
538	Johnstown.....	Johnstown	41	1st Thur.....	193		12		1	1	203
539	Woodbury	Roaring Spring..	20	Thur. F. M...	84		1		1		84
540	Argyle.....	Chicora.....	27	Wed. F. M...	162		17		11	3	165
541	Nanticoke.....	Nanticoke.....	12	2d Thur.....	153		9			3	159
542	Waymart.....	Waymart.....	14	Tues. F. M...	40	1		1			40
543	Fernwood.....	Philadelphia	E	4th Thur.....	310	4	24	2	2	4	330
544	Centennial	Carnegie.....	28	1st Mon.....	302	1	30	2	4	2	325
545	New London.....	West Grove.....	36	Mon. F. M...	68		10			1	77
546	Duquesne	Pittsburgh	28	2d Thur.....	392	4	18	9	6	5	394
547	Stillwater.....	Sugar Grove.....	23	Fri. F. M....	48		2			2	48
548	Verona	Verona	38	1st Tues.....	96	1	6		1	1	101
549	Reading	Reading	7	4th Thur.....	235		11		1	2	243
550	Edenburg.....	Edenburg.....	27	1st Tues.....	43		4	1		4	42
551	Casiphia	Mount Joy.....	1	Fri. F. M....	64		4		1	2	65
552	Allegheny Valley..	Emlenton.....	27	2d Tues.....	82		4	5	1		80
553	Spring City	Spring City	40	Thur. F. M...	125	2	9	1	1	1	133
554	Meyersdale.....	Meyersdale.....	41	1st Mon.....	119	1	19		5	1	133
555	Northern Star	Duke Centre	22	1st & 3d Tues.	92	1	2	6	2	2	85
556	Lewisville.....	Ulysses	44	1st & 3d Wed.	53	4	8	1	1	2	61
557	Olive.....	Tionesta	23	2d Mon.	57	1	10	1		1	66
558	Shiloh	Lansdale.....	6	Tues. F. M...	124		7	1	2	1	127
559	Garfield.....	Du Bois.....	21	1st Thur.....	179	1	11			1	190
560	Eldred.....	Eldred.....	22	2d & 4th Tues.	68	2	2		3	1	68
561	Greenleaf	Allentown	10	3d Thur.....	164	1	36		1	2	198
562	Marion	Scottdale.....	30	1st Thur.....	135		10		2	1	142
563	Hellertown.....	Hellertown.....	9	Fri. F. M....	50		4	1			53
564	Coatesville	Coatesville	5	Thur. F. M...	134		5	2	1	2	134
565	Bangor	Bangor.....	9	2d Wed.....	84	3	9				96
566	Kane	Kane.....	33	1st Wed.....	114	1	3	4		1	113
567	Prosperity.....	Riegelsville	8	Fri. F. M....	58		3			1	60
568	La Monte.....	Derry Station....	30	Last Thur....	82		5	1	2		84
569	Keystone.....	Parkesburg.	5	F. M. Fri....	86	1	3				90
570	Ashlar	Wiconisco	2	Tues. F. M...	100		5			1	104
571	Wilcox	Wilcox	33	1st & 3d Tues.	84		2		2		84
572	Cromwell.....	Orbisonia	34	Last Tues. ...	62		3		1		64
573	Corinthian.....	Millvale, Borough	32	1st Wed.....	118	1	20		3		136
574	Coalport.....	Coalport	21	4th Mon.....	95		2		2	1	94
575	Hebron.....	Mercer.....	26	2d Mon.	95	6	7			1	107
576	Crescent	Pittsburgh	28	1st Mon.....	278	2	11	4	1	4	282
577	Leechburg	Leechburg	27	2d Thur.....	71	1	8		1	1	78
578	Prospect	Moores	36	1st Thur.....	97	1	15	2	1	1	109
579	Acacia.....	Taylor.....	13	1st Mon.....	137	4	14	1		4	150
580	Arcana	Austin.....	44	2d & 4th Wed.	63	1	2	6			60

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581	Wayne	Wayne	6	3d Tues.	92		4			2	94
582	Homestead.....	Homestead	38	3d Mon.	197	1	13	1		1	209
583	Youghiogheny.....	McKeesport.....	38	3d Tues.	272		27	1	6	3	289
584	King Solomon.....	Dunmore.....	13	1st Mon.	87	2	10		1	1	97
585	Royersford	Royersford	40	Fri. F. M.	97		7			1	103
586	Acacia.....	Waynesboro.....	4	3d Fri.....	89		3				92
587	Manheim	Manheim	1	Mon. F. M.	101		10		2	1	108
588	Oriental Star	Peckville	13	3d Tues.	81		5				86
589	Hyndman.....	Hyndman.....	34	3d Mon.	56		4				60
590	Orient.....	Wilkinsburg	38	1st Tues.	357	4	47	1	9	2	396
591	Equity	Philadelphia	C	2d Wed.	165	2	12	3		1	175
592	Adelpha.....	Harrison Valley..	44	2d & 4th Tues.	44		1			3	42
593	Blyth.....	West Newton ...	30	Mon. F. M.	106		6		2		110
594	Pen Argyl	Pen Argyl	9	1st Thur.....	69		6				75
595	Perkiomen	East Greenville..	40	F. M. Tues.	50		1		1	1	49
596	MacCalla	Sellersville	8	2d Mon.	62		3				65
597	Green Ridge.....	Scranton.....	13	2d Mon.	143		16		2		157
598	Sharon	Shingle House...	44	2d & 4th Thur.	64		3		1	1	65
599	Ellwood	Ellwood City....	26	3d Wed.	64		8			3	69
600	Tacony	Philadelphia	F	3d Tues.	148		13		1	2	158
601	Shidle	Irwin	30	1st Tues.	77	1	7			1	84
602	Galeton	Galeton.....	44	1st & 3d Tues.	86	1	6		1	2	90
603	Grove City.....	Grove City.....	26	3d Tues.	92	1	4	2		1	94
604	Garfield	McDonald	29	2d & 4th Tues.	119	1	6			1	125
605	E. Coppée Mitchell	Philadelphia	B	3d Mon.	193	1	21	5	1	3	206
606	Radiant Star.....	"	C	4th Mon.....	84	2	12		1	2	95
607	Olivet	"	B	4th Tues.....	240	1	26	2			265
608	Joppa	Pittsburgh	28	1st Tues.	151		12		2	1	160
609	Progress	Philadelphia	A	4th Wed.	175	2	22	2		3	194
610	University.....	"	E	4th Fri.....	594	8	62	1	4	4	655
611	Arbutus	Freeland.....	45	3d Tues.	99		4			1	102
612	Tyrian	Wilmerding.....	38	1st Thur.....	98	1	25			1	123
613	Valley.....	Turtle Creek.....	38	2d Tues.	113		11		1	1	122
614	James Cochran	Dawson.....	31	2d Tues.	59		4			1	62
615	Charleroi.....	Charleroi.....	43	2d Thur.....	155		17	1	9	2	160
616	Hiram	Altoona.....	20	3d Thur.....	86		12		1	1	96
617	Kiskiminetas.....	Vandergrift.....	39	1st Tues.	86	1	8		1		94
618	Wyalusing.....	Wyalusing.....	16	Wed. F. M.	58		4				62
619	Middleburg	Middleburg	35	*	49		11		1		59
620	Norristown.....	Norristown.....	6	3d Mon.	156		25			2	179
621	Leighton	Leighton	45	1st Thur.....	68		5				73
622	Whitfield.....	Nazareth.....	9	2d Mon.	51	1	8		1		59
623	Sunset	Washington.....	29	3d Mon.	64		10	1		1	72
624	Henry W. Williams	Philadelphia	F	3d Tues.	57		13				70
625	Concord.....	Concordville.....	36	Wed. F. M.	65		15	1	1		78
626	Donora	Donora.....	43	3d Tues.	64	2	9	2			73
627	Mount Jewett.....	Mount Jewett ..	22	4th Mon.....	41	2	12			2	53
628	J. Simpson Africa.	East Stroudsburg	9	4th Thur.....	60		3		1		62
629	Harrisburg.....	Harrisburg.....	2	1st Thur.	127		28				155
630	Doric.....	Sewickley.....	32	2d Thur.....	77	3	11				91
631	Colonial	Philadelphia	E	3d Fri.....	31	1	8				40

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632	Maclay	Sunbury	2	Fri. a. F.M..	75		9				84
633	Marienville	Marienville	23	1st Wed.	17		9				26
634	Fort Pitt	Pittsburgh	28	1st Mon.		70	53				123
635	Homewood	"	28	3d Mon.		54	36				90
636	Michael Arnold....	Philadelphia	B	3d Mon.		48	26				74
637	Chapman	Alliance	9	2d Wed.		27	24				51
638	Monessen	Monessen	43	1st Tues.		28					28
639	George E. Wagner.	Saint Marys	33	1st Mon.		31	15				46
640	East Brady	East Brady	27	1st Thur.		37	13				50
641	McKeesport	McKeesport	38	4th Fri.		58	19				77

SUMMARY.

Number of Lodges December 27, 1904.....	448	
Lodges constituted during the year 1905	8	
Number of Lodges December 27, 1905....	456	
Membership of Lodges December 27, 1904.....		71,249
Admitted during the year 1905	893	
Initiated during the year 1905	5,269	
		6,162
		77,411
Suspended and expelled during the year 1905....	445	
Resigned during the year 1905	488	
Deceased during the year 1905	1,201	
		2,134
Membership December 27, 1905		75,277
Membership December 27, 1904		71,249
Increase during the year 1905		4,028

NOTE—These figures are subject to correction caused by discovery of errors in General Returns.

A TABULAR STATEMENT

Of the Lodges included in each District, with the name and residence of each District Deputy Grand Master.

District.	DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.	RESIDENCE.	LODGE.		LOCATION OF LODGE.	
			Name.	No.	City or Town.	County.
A	J. Henry Williams	Philadelphia	Washington	59	Philadelphia	Philadelphia.
			Philadelphia	72	"	"
			Union	121	"	"
			Franklin	134	"	"
			Shekinah	246	"	"
			Vaux	393	"	"
			Mozart	436	"	"
			Ivanhoe	449	"	"
			Welcome	453	"	"
			Excelsior	491	"	"
			William C. Hamilton	500	"	"
			Mount Horeb	528	"	"
			Progress	609	"	"
			. . . . .	2	"	"
			. . . . .	3	"	"
B	John L. Kinsey	Philadelphia	La Fayette	71	"	"
			Solomon's	114	"	"
			Hermann	125	"	"
			Mount Moriah	155	"	"

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			Name.	No.	City or Town.	County.
C	Samuel A. Boyle.....	Philadelphia.....	Hamilton.....	274	Philadelphia	Philadelphia.
			Philo	444	"	"
			Stephen Girard.....	450	"	"
			Philates	527	"	"
			E. Coppée Mitchell...	605	"	"
			Olivet.....	607	"	"
			Michael Arnold.....	636	"	"
			Concordia	67	"	"
			Columbia.....	91	"	"
			Rising Star.....	126	"	"
			Eastern Star.....	186	"	"
			Humboldt.....	359	"	"
			Corinthian	368	"	"
			Williamson.....	369	"	"
			Oriental	385	"	"
			William B. Schnider..	419	"	"
			Covenant.....	456	"	"
			Crescent.....	493	"	"
			Equity	591	"	"
			Radiant Star.....	606	"	"
D	George S. Graham	Philadelphia.....	Montgomery.....	19	"	"
			.....	51	"	"
			Harmony.....	52	"	"
			Phoenix	130	"	"
			Meridian Sun.....	158	"	"
			Integrity	187	"	"
			Melita	295	"	"
			Pennsylvania	380	"	"
			Apollo	386	"	"
					

District.	DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.	RESIDENCE.	LODGE.		LOCATION OF LODGE.	
			Name.	No.	City or Town.	County.
2	William M. Donaldson	Harrisburg, Dauphin Co.	Perseverance.....	21	Harrisburg.....	Dauphin.
			Susquehanna	364	Millersburg	"
			Robert Burns	464	Harrisburg	"
			Prince Edwin.....	486	Middletown	"
			Ashlar.....	570	Wiconisco	"
			Harrisburg	629	Harrisburg	"
			.....	22	Sunbury	Northumberland.
			Maclay	632	"	"
			Shamokin	255	Shamokin.....	"
			Mount Carmel.....	378	Mount Carmel.....	"
			Elysburg	414	Elysburg	"
			Mount Lebanon.....	226	Lebanon	Lebanon.
3	Samuel M. Goodyear..	Carlisle, Cumberland Co.	Cumberland Star.....	197	Carlisle.....	Cumberland.
			St. John's.....	260	"	"
			Eureka.....	302	Mechanicsburg	"
			Cumberland Valley..	315	Shippensburg	"
4	George H. Shirk.....	Hanover, York Co.....	Big Spring.....	361	Newville	"
			George Washington..	143	Chambersburg.....	Franklin.
			Orrstown.....	262	Orrstown	"
			Mount Pisgah.....	443	Green Castle.....	"
			Good Samaritan.....	336	Gettysburg.....	Adams.
			Hebron	465	New Oxford.....	"
			Patmos	348	Hanover.....	York.
			Shrewsbury.....	423	Shrewsbury	"
5	David H. Weaver	Coatesville, Chester Co....	Acacia	586	Waynesboro'	Franklin.
			Williamson.....	309	Downingtown	Chester.
			West Chester.....	322	West Chester.....	"
			Thomson	340	Green Tree Station..	"
			Skerrett	343	Cochranville	"

6	Thaddeus S. Adle.....	Norristown, Montg'y Co.	Goddard	383	Coatesville.....	Chester.
			Howell.....	405	Honeybrook.....	"
			Coatesville	564	Coatesville	"
			Keystone	569	Parkesburg	"
			Charity	190	Norristown	Montgomery.
			Cassia	273	Ardmore.....	"
			Warren	310	Trappe.....	"
			Fritz.....	420	Conshohocken	"
			Shiloh	558	Lansdale.....	"
			Norristown	620	Norristown	"
7	Adam H. Schmehl.....	Reading, Berks Co.....	Wayne	581	Wayne	Delaware.
			.....	62	Reading	Berks.
			Chandler.....	227	"	"
			Williamson.....	307	Womelsdorf.....	"
			Teutonia	367	Reading	"
			Huguenot	377	Kutztown	"
			Vaux	406	Hamburg	"
			St. John's.....	435	Reading	"
			Union	479	Birdsboro'	"
			Reading	549	Reading	"
8	Charles S. Vandegrift..	Eddington, Bucks Co. .	Bristol	25	Bristol.....	Bucks.
			Doylestown.....	245	Doylestown	"
			Newtown	427	Newtown	"
			Quakertown	512	Quakertown.....	"
			Prosperity	567	Riegelsville	"
			MacCalla.....	596	Sellersville	"
			Fort Washington....	308	Fort Washington ...	Montgomery.
			Friendship	400	Jenkintown	"
			W. K. Bray.....	410	Hatboro'	"
			Easton	152	Easton.....	Northampton.
9	William M. Semple....	Easton, N'thampt'n Co..	Bethlehem	283	Bethlehem	"
			Portland	311	Portland.....	"
			Dallas.....	396	Easton.....	"
			Manoquesy	413	Bath	"

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			Name.	No.	City or Town.	County.
10	Aaron R. Trumbower..	Passer, Bucks Co.....	Hellertown	563	Hellertown	Northampton.
			Bangor	565	Bangor	"
			Pen Argyl.....	594	Pen Argyl.....	"
			Whitfield.....	622	Nazareth	"
			Chapman.....	637	Alliance	"
			Barger	325	Stroudsburg.....	Monroe.
			J. Simpson Africa....	628	East Stroudsburg...	"
			Porter	284	Catasauqua	Lehigh.
			Lehigh.....	326	Trexlerstown.....	"
			Barger	333	Allentown	"
11	Matthew M. MacMillan	Mahanoy City, Sch'k'l Co.	Slatington	440	Slatington	"
			Saucon.....	469	Coopersburg	"
			Greenleaf.....	561	Allentown	"
			Schuylkill	138	Orwigsburg	Schuylkill.
			Pulaski	216	Pottsville	"
			Minersville	222	Minersville	"
			Tamaqua.....	238	Tamaqua	"
			Swatara	267	Tremont	"
			Page.....	270	Schuylkill Haven...	"
			Anthracite	285	St. Clair.....	"
12	William D. White....	Wilkes-Barre, Luz'ne Co.	Ashland.....	294	Ashland	"
			Mahanoy City.....	357	Mahanoy City.....	"
			Pine Grove.....	409	Pine Grove.....	"
			Cressona	426	Cressona	"
			Shenandoah	511	Shenandoah	"
			.....	61	Wilkes-Barre	Luzerne.
			St. John's.....	233	Pittston	"
			Plymouth	332	Plymouth.....	"
			Sylvania	354	Shickshinny.....	"
					

13	Thomas F. Wells.....	Scranton, Lackaw'na Co.	Kingston.....	395	Kingston.....	Luzerne.
			Landmark.....	442	Wilkes-Barre.....	"
			Wyoming.....	468	Wyoming.....	"
			Coalville.....	474	Ashley.....	"
			Valley.....	499	Pittston.....	"
			George M. Dallas.....	531	Dallas.....	"
			Nanticoke.....	541	Nanticoke.....	"
			Carbondale.....	249	Carbondale.....	Lackawanna.
			Hiram.....	261	Seranton.....	"
			Union.....	291	".....	"
			Waverly.....	301	Clark's Summit.....	"
			Peter Williamson.....	323	Seranton.....	"
			Hyde Park.....	339	".....	"
14	William H. Hulsizer....	Honesdale, Wayne Co....	Schiller.....	345	".....	"
			Kingsbury.....	466	Olyphant.....	"
			Moscow.....	504	Moscow.....	"
			Aurora.....	523	Jermyn.....	"
			Acacia.....	579	Taylor.....	"
			King Solomon.....	584	Dunmore.....	"
			Oriental Star.....	588	Peckville.....	"
			Green Ridge.....	597	Seranton.....	"
			Factoryville.....	341	Factoryville.....	Wyoming.
			Honesdale.....	218	Honesdale.....	Wayne.
			Hawley.....	305	Hawley.....	"
			Salem.....	330	Hamlington.....	"
			Waymart.....	542	Waymart.....	"
15	Homer E. Spencer.....	Susquehanna, Susq'a Co..	Milford.....	344	Milford.....	Pike.
			Warren.....	240	Montrose.....	Susquehanna.
			Freedom.....	328	Jackson.....	"
			Great Bend.....	338	Great Bend.....	"
			Canawacta.....	360	Susquehanna.....	"
			Forest City.....	439	Forest City.....	"
			Harford.....	445	Hop Bottom.....	"
			Mount Hermon.....	472	Uniondale.....	"

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			Name.	No.	City or Town.	County.
16	James Wilson Piatt....	Tunkhannock, Wyo'g Co.	New Milford.....	507	New Milford.....	Susquehanna.
			Nicholson.....	438	Nicholson.....	Wyoming.
			Rural Amity.....	70	Athens.....	Bradford.
			Union.....	108	Towanda.....	"
			Evergreen.....	163	Monroeton.....	"
			Trojan.....	306	Troy.....	"
			Canton.....	415	Canton.....	"
			Roman.....	418	Rome.....	"
			Smithfield.....	428	East Smithfield.....	"
			Le Ray.....	471	Le Raysville.....	"
			Wyalusing.....	618	Wyalusing.....	"
			Temple.....	248	Tunkhannock.....	Wyoming.
			Franklin.....	263	Laceyville.....	"
			Friendship.....	247	Mansfield.....	Tioga.
			Ossea.....	317	Wellsboro'.....	"
17	Howard F. Marsh.....	Wellsboro, Tioga Co.....	Bloss.....	350	Blossburg.....	"
			Cowanesque.....	351	Knoxville.....	"
			Tioga.....	373	Tioga.....	"
			Osceola.....	421	Osceola.....	"
			Westfield.....	477	Westfield.....	"
			.....	106	Williamsport.....	Lycoming.
			La Belle Vallée.....	232	Jersey Shore.....	"
			Muncy.....	299	Muncy.....	"
			Eureka.....	335	Montoursville.....	"
			Ivy.....	397	Williamsport.....	"
18	James A. Pugh	Williamsport, Lyco'g Co.	Watson town.....	401	Watson town.....	Northumberland.
			Charity.....	144	Lewisburg.....	Union.
			Mifflinburg.....	370	Mifflinburg.....	"
			Adams.....	319	New Bloomfield....	Perry.
			Mifflintown, Juniata Co.			
19	Ezra C. Doty.....	Mifflintown, Juniata Co.				

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			Name.	No.	City or Town.	County.
24	David A. Sawdey.....	Erie, Erie Co.....	Fraternal.....	483	Rouseville	Venango.
			Olive.....	557	Tionesta	Forest.
			Acacia	633	Marienville.....	"
			Western Star.....	304	Albion	Erie.
			Lake Erie	347	Girard	"
			Tyrian	362	Erie	"
			Corry	365	Corry	"
			Eureka.....	366	Union City	"
			Perry	392	Erie	"
			North East.....	399	North East.....	"
			Oasis.....	416	Edinboro'.....	"
			Waterford	425	Waterford	"
			Keystone	455	Erie	"
			Wattsburg	533	Wattsburg	"
			Crawford	234	Meadville.....	Crawford.
			Western Crawford.....	258	Conneautville	"
			Oil Creek.....	303	Titusville	"
25	Adrian W. McCoy.....	Meadville, Crawford Co.	Spartan	372	Spartansburg	"
			.....	408	Meadville.....	"
			Shepherd	463	Titusville	"
			Covenant.....	473	Cambridge Springs..	"
			Pine	498	Linesville.....	"
			Mahoning	243	New Castle.....	Lawrence.
			Lodge of the Craft...	433	"	"
			New Castle.....	642	"	"
			Ellwood.....	599	Ellwood City.....	"
			Sharon	250	Sharon	Mercer.
			Eureka.....	290	Greenville	"
			Kedron	389	West Middlesex....	"
26	Walter D. Clark.....	New Castle, Lawrence Co.				

27	William B. Meredith..	Kittanning, Armstr'g Co.	Adelphic	424	Jamestown	Mercer.
			Lake	484	Sandy Lake	"
28	William M. Hamilton..	Pittsburgh, Allegheny Co.	Sharpsville	517	Sharpsville	"
			Hebron	575	Mercer	"
			Grove City	608	Grove City	"
			Butler	272	Butler	Butler.
			Argyle	540	Chicora	"
			Armstrong	239	Freeport	Armstrong.
			Kittanning	244	Kittanning	"
			Parker City	521	Parker's Landing	"
			Leechburg	577	Leechburg	"
			Hobah	276	Brookville	Jefferson.
			John M. Read	536	Reynoldsville	"
			Clarion	277	Clarion	Clarion.
			Canby	520	St. Petersburg	"
			New Bethlehem	522	New Bethlehem	"
			Edenburg	550	Edenburg	"
			East Brady	640	East Brady	"
			Allegheny Valley	552	Emlenton	Venango.
			.....	45	Pittsburgh	Allegheny.
			St. John's	219	"	"
			Franklin	221	"	"
			Solomon	231	"	"
			Washington	253	"	"
			Monongahela	269	"	"
			Milnor	287	"	"
			Hailman	321	"	"
			McCandless	390	"	"
			Pittsburgh	484	"	"
			Dallas	508	"	"
			Germania	509	"	"
			Guyasuta	513	"	"
			Oakland	535	"	"
			Centennial	544	Carnegie	"

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			Name.	No.	City or Town.	County.
29	James W. McDowell..	Washington, Wash. Co.	Duquesne	546	Pittsburgh	Allegheny.
			Crescent.....	576	"	"
			Joppa.....	608	"	"
			Fort Pitt.....	634	"	"
			Homewood	635	"	"
			Washington	164	Washington.....	Washington.
			Beallsville.....	237	Beallsville.....	"
			Chartiers	297	Canonsburg	"
			Claysville	447	Claysville.....	"
			Richard Vaux.....	454	Burgettstown	"
			Garfield	604	McDonald	"
			Sunset	623	Washington	"
			Waynesburg.....	153	Waynesburg	Greene.
			Philanthropy	225	Greensburg	Westmoreland.
30	John S. Sell.....	Greensburg, Westm'd Co.	Loyalhanna	275	Latrobe.....	"
			Ligonier.....	331	Ligonier	"
			Westmoreland	518	Greensburg	"
			Marion.....	562	Scottdale.....	"
			La Monte.....	568	Derry Station.....	"
			Blyth	593	West Newton	"
			Shidle	601	Irwin	"
			Brownsville	60	Brownsville.....	Fayette.
			Fayette	228	Uniontown	"
			Gummert	252	Fayette City.....	"
			King Solomon.....	346	Connellsville	"
			Valley	459	Masontown	"
			James Cochran.....	614	Dawson	"
			Allegheny.....	223	Allegheny	Allegheny.
			Jefferson	288	"	"
31	John D. Carr.....	Uniontown, Fayette Co.				
32	George H. Quail....	Bellevue, Allegheny Co.				

41	John J. Jones	Johnstown, Cambria Co.	Phoenix Mt. Pickering Spring City Cambria Summit Johnstown Somerset Meyersdale York Zeredatha Riverside Columbia Ashara Henry M. Phillips Monongahela Valley Charleroi Donora Stephen Bayard Monessen Eulalia Lewisville Areana Adelpha Sharon Galeton Hazle Laurel Arbutus Carbon Leighton Knapp	75 446 553 278 312 538 358 554 266 451 503 286 398 337 461 615 626 526 638 342 556 580 592 598 602 327 467 611 242 621 462	Phoenixville Upper Uwehlan Spring City Johnstown Ebensburg Johnstown Somerset Meyersdale York " Wrightsville Columbia Marietta Monongahela Coal Centre Charleroi Donora Elizabeth Monessen Coudersport Ulysses Austin Harrison Valley Shingle House Galeton Hazleton White Haven Freeland Mauch Chunk Leighton Berwick	Chester. " " Cambria. " " Somerset. " York. " " Lancaster. " Washington. " " " Allegheny. Westmoreland. Potter. " " " " " Luzerne. " " Carbon. " Columbia.
42	Richard E. Coehran	York, York Co.				
43	George B. Frantz	Coal Centre, W'sh't'n Co.				
44	Edgar W. Robinson	Coudersport, Potter Co.				
45	Hiram P. Kuntz	Hazleton, Luzerne Co.				

Brother William B. Joslyn, of Philadelphia, Instructor of Work.

GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND

From its Organization on the 25th day of September, A.D. 1786, Grand Lodge of England, having been closed forever), with years

Year.	Grand Master.	Deputy Grand Master.	Senior Grand Warden.
1786 ¹	* William Adcock.	* Alexander Rutherford.†	* Joseph Dean.
1787 ²	do.	* Jonathan Bayard Smith.†	do.
1788 ³	do.	do.	do.
1789	* Jonathan Bayard Smith.	* George Ord.	do.
1790	do.	do.	* Joseph Few.
1791	do.	* Joseph Few.	* Thomas Proctor.
1792	do.	do.	do.
1793	do.	* John Carson.	* Gavin Hamilton.
1794	do.	do.	* John McCree.
1795	* William Ball.	* William Moore Smith.	* Thomas Town.
1796	* William Moore Smith.	* Gavin Hamilton.	do.
1797	do.	do.	do.
1798	* Jonathan Bayard Smith.	do.	do.
1799	do.	* Israel Israel.	* James Milnor.
1800	do.	do.	do.
1801	do.	do.	do.
1802	do.	* James Milnor.	* John W. Van Cleve.
1803	* Israel Israel.	* John Armantiere Monges.	* Ebenezer Ferguson.
1804	do.	* James Milnor.	do.
1805	do.	* Frederick Wolbert.	* Robert Pullen.
1806	* James Milnor.	do.	* Robert Lewis.
1807	do.	do.	do.
1808	do.	* Peter Le Barbier Duplessis.	do.
1809	do.	do.	* Richard Tybout.
1810	do.	do.	do.
1811	do.	do.	do.
1812	do.	do.	do.
1813	do.	* Richard Tybout.	* Joseph Burden.
1814	* Richard Tybout.	* Samuel F. Bradford.	do.
1815	* Samuel F. Bradford.	* Walter Kerr.	* Bayse Newcomb.
1816	* Walter Kerr.	* Bayse Newcomb.	* Joseph Barnes.
1817	do.	do.	do.
1818	* Bayse Newcomb.	* Joseph Barnes.	* Thomas Elliott.
1819	do.	do.	do.
1820	do.	* Thomas Elliott.	* Josiah Randall.
1821	do.	do.	do.
1822	* Josiah Randall.	* John Bannister Gibson.	* James Harper.
1823	do.	do.	do.
1824	* John Bannister Gibson.	* James Harper.	* Thomas Kittera.
1825	* James Harper.	* Thomas Kittera.	* Samuel Badger.
1826	* Thomas Kittera.	* Samuel Badger.	* Michael Nisbet.
1827	do.	do.	do.
1828	do.	do.	do.
1829	* Samuel Badger.	* Michael Nisbet.	* John Steele.
1830	do.	do.	do.
1831	* Michael Nisbet.	* John Steele.	* George M. Dallas.
1832	do.	do.	do.
1833	* John Steele.	* George M. Dallas.	* Tristram B. Freeman.
1834	do.	do.	do.
1835	* George M. Dallas.	* Tristram B. Freeman.	* Robert Toland.
1836	* Tristram B. Freeman.	* Robert Toland.	* John M. Read.
1837	* John M. Read.	* Samuel H. Perkins.	* William Stephens.
1838	do.	do.	* Joseph R. Chandler.
1839	* Samuel H. Perkins.	* Joseph R. Chandler.	* Cornelius Stevenson.
1840	do.	do.	do.

* Deceased.

† Appointed by Grand Master.

¹ Election held September 25.

² Election held January 2.

³ Election held December 17, 1787.

LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

A.L. 5786 (the Provincial Grand Lodge, under a Warrant from the of service, the Election occurring annually in December preceding.

Junior Grand Warden.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Secretary.	Year.
* William Delaney.	* Gavin Hamilton.	* Assheton Humphreys.	1786 ¹
* George Ord.	do.	do.	1787 ²
do.	do.	do.	1788 ³
* Joseph Few.	do.	do.	1789
* William McIlwaine.	do.	* P. Le Barbier Duplessis.	1790
* Gavin Hamilton.	* Benjamin Mason.	do.	1791
do.	do.	do.	1792
* John McCree.	* Edward Fox.	do.	1793
* Edward Fox.	* Gavin Hamilton.	do.	1794
* John Poor.	* John McElwee.	* Thomas Armstrong.	1795
do.	do.	do.	1796
* Thomas Armstrong.	do.	* George A. Baker.	1797
* David Irving.	do.	do.	1798
* Charles Patton.	do.	do.	1799
* Archibald Alexander.	do.	do.	1800
* John W. Van Cleye.	* Gavin Hamilton.	do.	1801
* Ebenezer Ferguson.	do.	do.	1802
* Robert Pullen.	do.	do.	1803
do.	do.	do.	1804
* Robert Poalk.	* Thomas Armstrong.	do.	1805
do.	do.	do.	1806
do.	do.	do.	1807
do.	* Samuel F. Bradford.	do.	1808
do.	do.	do.	1809
* Joseph Burden.	do.	do.	1810
do.	do.	do.	1811
do.	do.	do.	1812
* Samuel F. Bradford.	* Walter Kerr.	do.	1813
* Walter Kerr.	* Thomas Astley.	do.	1814
* Joseph Barnes.	* Richard Bache.	do.	1815
* Richard Bache.	* Joseph S. Lewis.	do. ⁴	1816
* Thomas Elliott.	do.	* George A. Baker, Jr.	1817
* Josiah Randall.	do.	do.	1818
do.	do.	do.	1819
* William McCorkle.	do.	do.	1820
* James Harper.	do.	do.	1821
* Thomas Kittera.	do.	do.	1822
do.	do.	do. ⁵	1823
* Samuel Badger.	do.	* Bernard Dahlgren.	1824
* Michael Nisbet.	do. ⁶	* Samuel H. Thomas.	1825
* John Steele.	* Robert Toland.	do.	1826
do.	do.	do.	1827
do.	* Solomon Allen.	do.	1828
* George M. Dallas.	* Randal Hutchinson.	do.	1829
do.	do.	do.	1830
* Tristram B. Freeman.	* Samuel M. Stewart.	do.	1831
do.	do.	* John M. Read.	1832
* Robert Toland.	* Cornelius Stevenson.	do.	1833
do.	do.	do.	1834
* John M. Read.	* Robinson R. Moore.	* Samuel M. Stewart.	1835
* Samuel H. Perkins.	do.	do.	1836
* Joseph R. Chandler.	do.	do.	1837
* Cornelius Stevenson.	do.	do.	1838
* Francis Cooper.	do.	do.	1839
* William Barger.	do.	* Michael Nisbet.	1840

⁴ Died after his re-election, in December, 1816; his son, George A. Baker, Jr., appointed.

⁵ Died October, 1823. Nathan R. Potts appointed.

⁶ Resigned, March 7, 1825. Robert Toland elected March 21, 1825.

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1841	* Joseph R. Chandler.	* Cornelius Stevenson.	* William Barger.
1842	do.	do.	do.
1843	* Cornelius Stevenson.	* William Barger.	* James Page.
1844	* William Barger.	* James Page.	* Peter Fritz.
1845	do.	do.	do.
1846	* James Page.	* Peter Fritz.	* William Whitney.
1847	do.	do.	do.
1848	* Peter Fritz.	* William Whitney.	* Anthony Bournonville.
1849	do.	do.	do.
1850	* William Whitney.	* Anthony Bournonville.	* James Hutchinson.
1851	do.	do.	do.
1852	* Anthony Bournonville.	* James Hutchinson.	* Peter Williamson.
1853	do.	do.	do.
1854	* James Hutchinson.	* Peter Williamson.	* John K. Mitchell.
1855	do.	do.	do.
1856	* Peter Williamson.	* John K. Mitchell.	* Henry M. Phillips.
1857	do.	do.	do.
1858	* John K. Mitchell. ³	* Henry M. Phillips.	* John Thomson.
1859	* Henry M. Phillips.	* John Thomson.	* David C. Skerrett.
1860	do.	do.	do.
1861	* John Thomson.	* David C. Skerrett.	* Lucius H. Scott.
1862	do.	do.	do.
1863	* David C. Skerrett.	* Lucius H. Scott.	* John L. Goddard.
1864	do.	do.	do.
1865	* Lucius H. Scott.	* John L. Goddard.	* Richard Vaux.
1866	do.	do.	do.
1867	* John L. Goddard. ⁵	* Richard Vaux.	* Robert A. Lamberton.
1868	* Richard Vaux.	* Robert A. Lamberton.	* Samuel C. Perkins.
1869	do.	do.	do.
1870	* Robert A. Lamberton.	* Samuel C. Perkins.	* Alfred R. Potter.
1871	do.	do.	do.
1872	* Samuel C. Perkins.	* Alfred R. Potter.	* Robert Clark.
1873	do.	do.	do.
1874	* Alfred R. Potter.	* Robert Clark.	* James Madison Porter.
1875	do.	do.	do.
1876	* Robert Clark.	* James Madison Porter.	* Michael Nisbet.
1877	do.	do.	do.
1878	* James Madison Porter.	* Michael Nisbet.	Samuel B. Dick.
1879	* Michael Nisbet.	Samuel B. Dick.	* Conrad B. Day.
1880	do.	do.	do.
1881	Samuel B. Dick.	* Conrad B. Day.	* E. Coppée Mitchell.
1882	do.	do.	do.
1883	* Conrad B. Day.	* E. Coppée Mitchell.	* Joseph Eichbaum.
1884	do.	do.	do.
1885	* E. Coppée Mitchell.	* Joseph Eichbaum.	* Clifford P. MacCalla.
1886	do.	do.	do.
1887	* Joseph Eichbaum.	* Clifford P. MacCalla.	* J. Simpson Africa.
1888	do.	do.	do.
1889	* Clifford P. MacCalla.	* J. Simpson Africa.	* Michael Arnold.
1890	do.	do.	do.
1891	* J. Simpson Africa.	* Michael Arnold.	Matthias H. Henderson.
1892	do.	do.	do.
1893	* Michael Arnold.	Matthias H. Henderson.	William J. Kelly.
1894	do.	do.	do.
1895	Matthias H. Henderson.	William J. Kelly.	* Henry W. Williams.
1896	do.	do.	do.
1897	William J. Kelly.	* Henry W. Williams.	* George E. Wagner.
1898	do.	do.	do.
1899	* Henry W. Williams. ⁷	* George E. Wagner.	Edgar A. Tennis.
1900	* George E. Wagner.	Edgar A. Tennis.	James W. Brown.
1901	do.	do.	do.
1902	Edgar A. Tennis.	James W. Brown.	George W. Kendrick, Jr.
1903	do.	do.	do.
1904	James W. Brown.	George W. Kendrick, Jr.	George B. Orlady.
1905	do.	do.	do.
1906	George W. Kendrick, Jr.	George B. Orlady.	George W. Guthrie.

* Deceased.

¹ Died, May, 1842. William H. Adams appointed, June 6.

² Died in office in January, 1851. Peter Williamson elected, March 3, 1851.

³ Grand Master Mitchell died in office, April 8, 1858.

Junior Grand Warden.	Grand Treasurer.	Grand Secretary.	Year.
* John W. McGrath.	* Robinson R. Moore.	* Michael Nisbet.	1841
do.	* John Thomson.	do. ¹	1842
* Peter Fritz.	do.	* William H. Adams.	1843
* William Whitney.	do.	do.	1844
do.	do.	do.	1845
* Anthony Bournonville.	do.	do.	1846
do.	do.	do.	1847
* James Hutchinson.	do.	do.	1848
do.	do.	do.	1849
* Alexander Diamond.	do.	do.	1850
do. ²	do.	do.	1851
* John K. Mitchell.	do.	do.	1852
do.	do.	do.	1853
* Henry M. Phillips.	* Thomas E. Baxter.	do.	1854
do.	do.	do.	1855
* John Thomson.	do.	do.	1856
do.	* James Shields.	do.	1857
* David C. Skerrett.	* Peter Williamson.	do.	1858
* Lucius H. Scott.	do.	do.	1859
do.	do.	do.	1860
* John L. Goddard.	do.	do.	1861
do.	do.	do.	1862
* Richard Vaux.	do.	do.	1863
do.	do.	do.	1864
* Robert A. Lamberton.	do.	do.	1865
do.	do.	do. ⁴	1866
* Samuel C. Perkins.	do.	* John Thomson.	1867
* Alfred R. Potter.	do.	do.	1868
do.	do.	do.	1869
* Robert Clark.	do.	do.	1870
do.	do.	do.	1871
* James Madison Porter.	* Thomas Brown.	do.	1872
do.	do.	do.	1873
* Michael Nisbet.	Thomas R. Patton.	do.	1874
do.	do.	do.	1875
Samuel B. Dick.	do.	do.	1876
do.	do.	do.	1877
* Conrad B. Day.	do.	do.	1878
* E. Coppée Mitchell.	do.	do.	1879
do.	do.	do.	1880
* Joseph Eichbaum	do.	* Michael Nisbet.	1881
do.	do.	do.	1882
* Clifford P. MacCalla.	do.	do.	1883
do.	do.	do.	1884
* J. Simpson Africa.	do.	do.	1885
do.	do.	do.	1886
* Michael Arnold.	do.	do.	1887
do.	do.	do.	1888
Matthias H. Henderson.	do.	do.	1889
do.	do.	do.	1890
William J. Kelly.	do.	do.	1891
do.	do.	do.	1892
* Henry W. Williams.	do.	do.	1893
do.	do.	do.	1894
* George E. Wagner.	do.	do.	1895
do.	do.	do. ⁶	1896
Edgar A. Tennis.	do.	William A. Sinn.	1898
do.	do.	do.	1897
James W. Brown.	do.	do.	1899
George W. Kendrick, Jr.	do.	do.	1902
do.	do.	do.	1903
George B. Orlady.	do.	do.	1909
do.	do.	do.	1901
* Charles M. Swain. ⁸	do.	do.	1904
George W. Guthrie.	do.	do.	1905
William L. Gorgas.	do.	do.	1906

⁴ Died, February 11, 1866. John Thomson appointed.

⁵ Grand Master Goddard died in office, July 17, 1867.

⁶ Died, May 7, 1896. William A. Sinn appointed, May 15, 1896.

⁷ Grand Master Williams died in office, January 25, 1899.

⁸ Died in office, July 23, 1904.

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TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA :

THE COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE,—Brother LEE S. SMITH, of Franklin Lodge, No. 221, Brother WILLIAM N. SEIBERT, of Adams Lodge, No. 319, Brother OWEN M. COPELIN, of Robert Burns Lodge, No. 464, and Brother MURDOCK KENDRICK, of University Lodge, No. 610,—presents its annual report for the year A. D. 1905, A. L. 5905, by its Chairman, Brother JAMES M. LAMBERTON, of Perseverance Lodge, No. 21, who has, as usual, prepared the same.

The year past has been one of great prosperity.

The proceedings of Missouri, New South Wales, and Ohio, have not reached us, while all that has been received from Ireland is a single communication.

Sixty-five Proceedings have been received and reviewed as follows :

ALABAMA	1904	COSTA RICA	1904
ARIZONA	1904	CUBA	1905
ARKANSAS	1904	DELAWARE	1905
BRITISH COLUMBIA	1905	DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ..	1904
CALIFORNIA	1904	ENGLAND	1905
CANADA	1905	FLORIDA	1905
COLORADO	1905	GEORGIA	1904
CONNECTICUT	1905	IDAHO	1905

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ILLINOIS.....	1905	NORTH CAROLINA.....	1905
INDIAN TERRITORY.....	1905	NORTH DAKOTA.....	1905
INDIANA.....	1905	NOVA SCOTIA.....	1904
IOWA.....	1905	OKLAHOMA	1905
IRELAND	1905	OREGON.....	1905
KANSAS	1905	PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	1905
KENTUCKY	1905	QUEBEC.....	1905
LOUISIANA.....	1905	QUEENSLAND	1905
MAINE	1905	RHODE ISLAND.....	1905
MANITOBA.....	1905	SCOTLAND	1905
MARYLAND	1904	SOUTH AUSTRALIA.....	1905
MASSACHUSETTS.....	1905	SOUTH CAROLINA.....	1904
MICHIGAN	1905	SOUTH DAKOTA.....	1905
MINNESOTA.....	1905	TENNESSEE	1905
MISSISSIPPI.....	1905	TEXAS	1904
MONTANA.	1904	UTAH	1905
NEBRASKA	1905	VERMONT.....	1905
NEVADA.....	1905	VICTORIA.....	1904
NEW BRUNSWICK	1904	VIRGINIA.....	1905
NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	1905	WASHINGTON.....	1905
NEW JERSEY.....	1905	WEST VIRGINIA.....	1904
NEW MEXICO.....	1904	WESTERN AUSTRALIA...	1905
NEW SOUTH WALES....	1905	WISCONSIN	1905
NEW YORK.....	1905	WYOMING	1905
NEW ZEALAND.....	1905		

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THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama and its Masonic Jurisdiction began its Eighty-fourth Annual Grand Communication at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Montgomery, on Tuesday, December 6, A.D. 1904, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother ROBERT J. REDDEN, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master, like his former one, is a practical paper, giving, after an interesting introduction, a detailed account of the work of the year, which was one of activity.

He was fortunate in being able to report that no Grand Officer or Past Grand Officer had ceased to work in this earthly Lodge. In mentioning the fraternal dead of other Jurisdictions, our loss in the death of Past Grand Master DAY and Junior Grand Warden SWAIN is noted.

Number of Lodges, including fifteen new ones and eleven under dispensation, 424, a gain of 13; initiated 1510; total membership, 15,393, a gain of 1053; "Number of ministers," 904, a gain of 19. Receipts, including balance of \$5200.36, were \$13,185.36; disbursements, \$7629.84; balance, \$5555.52. It is pleasing to read of the gratifying state of the finances of Grand Lodge; the bonded indebtedness will soon be wiped out.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, through its Chairman, Brother WILLIAM Y. TITCOMB, submitted a number of special reports, all of which were adopted; and as a consequence, the application of the Grand Orient of Brazil for recognition was deferred; no action was taken upon the protest of a body calling itself the Grand Lodge of Western Australia against the regularity of the formation of the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, of which Most Worship-

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ful Brother J. W. HACKETT is Grand Master; consideration of a communication from CHAS. H. HARTLEY, who styled himself "Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Queensland" was declined, and the Grand Lodge of Western Australia, against the regularity of which the above protest was made, was duly recognized.

It would seem that the following edict should be recalled, as nothing was done to six Lodges which failed to make report as required:

"In all cases where Lodges fail to report action upon proposed Amendments when properly sent to them, as required by the Constitution, the Masters of such Lodges shall be summoned to appear before the Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication to give their reasons for failing to report their action or non-action on the proposed Amendments."

It is much better to repeal a law, if it is not enforced. An amendment to the Constitution, in favor of "a man who has an artificial limb or limbs, by which he is enabled to practice and teach the ritual," was defeated, 220 Lodges voting for, and 169 against the amendment, while 12 did not vote, the two-thirds vote necessary to adopt being 268. We regret the vote in favor of the amendment was so large; sympathy should not be allowed to sway Brethren in such a matter; a candidate should be "sound in all his limbs and members."

It sounds strange to our ears to read the following:

"Resolved, That the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge urge and most earnestly recommend that each subordinate Lodge under its Jurisdiction purchase and possess for the benefit of its membership, at least one copy of the Masonic Manual of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, containing the Ritual, Constitution and Edicts of the Grand Lodge, as

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approved by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge at its annual communication in 1903.”

We should think the Grand Lodge would command not “urge” or “recommend.”

The following resolutions were favorably reported by a committee, and their report was adopted:

“WHEREAS the two hundredth anniversary of Benjamin Franklin’s birth occurs on the 17th of January, 1906; and

“WHEREAS Benjamin Franklin immortalized his name in the history of the early days of our American colonies as well as in the advent of Free Masonry therein; and

“WHEREAS Benjamin Franklin, as a Brother of the Craft and as Grand Master, was an honor to the Masonic Fraternity during his life; therefore be it

“*Resolved*, That we, the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Franklin Lodge No. 587, A. F. & A. M., of Ala., in regular communication assembled, do hereby most respectfully and fraternally petition the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Alabama to take such action as will assure the observance of Benjamin Franklin’s two-hundredth anniversary of birth by the Masonic Lodges of Alabama; and be it further

“*Resolved*, That the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Alabama enlist the co-operation of all regular and recognized Masonic Grand Lodges in the United States by making the observance of Benjamin Franklin’s two hundredth natal day a national Masonic Memorial day.”

We are very glad to see that the Brethren of Alabama will not tolerate a seducer in the Fraternity.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, by its Chairman, Brother WILLIAM Y. TITCOMB, his seventh, shows a careful, observant and courteous Brother. He has done his work thoroughly. He is sorry to have a Grand

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Lodge abandon the Grand Representative system, especially when he is the Grand Representative of the Jurisdiction. He is opposed to the use of cubes and balls in balloting rightly preferring balls only, and gives good reasons for his preference. He agrees with us in preferring Senior Grand Warden to Grand Senior Warden, and again he gives a good reason; and in this connection he well says, and repeats it, "more harm comes to the Fraternity from the misuse of the *white* than from that of the *black ball*." He does not like having his report ignored, nor do we, and we are glad to find our notion agreeing with his that "a dedicated Lodge hall may be used for Masonic purposes and none other." Naturally therefore he does not favor granting the use of a Masonic Lodge room to members of the Mystic Shrine; we also agree with his views regarding the question of intercourse with the Grand Orient of Belgium, at least so long as it continues its connection with the godless Grand Orient of France.

In his account of Pennsylvania for 1903 is presented an excellent résumé of the doings of our Grand Lodge. The valedictory address of Grand Master TENNIS, and the salutatory address of Grand Master BROWN receive favorable comment. In his notice of our report, which he is kind enough to call excellent, and from which he makes a number of quotations and upon which he comments pleasantly, we find that we have in our last report expressed again our agreement with Brother TITCOMB, in a number of matters, and in explanation of our repetition we may say that we went over our Brother's report and wrote what we did before going over his courteous review of Pennsylvania, which we reserved for the last.

Most Worshipful Brother HENRY H. MATTHEWS, of Montgomery, Grand Master, re-elected; Right Worshipful Brother GEORGE A. BEAUCHAMP, of Montgomery, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

ARIZONA.

ARIZONA—1904.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Territory of Arizona began its Twenty-third Annual Communication at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Tucson, on Tuesday, November 15, A.D. 1904, and closed two days later.

Most Worshipful Brother JAMES S. CROMB, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master is an earnest paper revealing one full of zeal to help his Brethren. "Although the prospects of our star being placed among the Sisterhood of States is [*sic*] still in the dim future," he says, "Do not let us be discouraged on that account, but rather be more energetic in the development of our resources."

The reply of the Grand Master to a question as to the proper course to be pursued at the grave when other ceremonies are to follow, accords with our regulations, but the Grand Lodge approved his reply only partially, saying that the Lodge may remain while the other ceremonies are being performed.

We quote the following temperate passage from the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, upon that portion of the Grand Master's address recommending that action be taken prohibiting the use of intoxicating liquors at Lodge banquets:

"Masonry is not a prohibition society nor is it its province to reform the world. Temperance is defined by us as a domestic and public virtue, whereby we are taught to avoid excess; but one may be intemperate in his views on the 'liquor question' as well as in other ways."

Owing to the expense involved in printing the report on Correspondence, "estimated at \$300" (the Grand Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1968.30), which seems to the Finance Committee "an unnecessary burden," in

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future the report is to be discontinued! In his review of Kentucky, referring to an intimation given by the Grand Master of Kentucky that he would recommend a report on Correspondence be discontinued, Brother BELDEN, the Chairman of the Arizona Committee, before the meeting of his Grand Lodge when the action mentioned was taken, wrote:

“I have witnessed such an exhibition of a want of appreciation of the deep significance of the ‘Foreign Correspondence’ three times since I began this work about ten years ago. Each time the Brother has awaked from his trance to find that there was a stronger sentiment upholding this educational system than he had dreamed of and that a man with clearer brain would have evolved a financial plan less like saving at the spigot while the bung was wide open.”

A Past Grand Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Master, whose portrait forms the frontispiece.

In the memorial pages, “Sacred to the Memory of the Illustrious Dead of Sister Grand Jurisdictions,” we note that by a slip, the name of “R. W. Charles M. Swain. Died July 23, 1904.” is given under “New York.”

Number of Lodges, including one under dispensation, 19; initiated, 121; total membership, 1191, a gain of 68. Receipts, including balance of \$1,443.80, were \$3,218.80; disbursements, \$1,250.50; balance, \$1,968.30.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is by the Chairman, Brother CHARLES D. BELDEN, his fourth, and, as intimated above, his last, at least for the present. We are sure that the Brethren of Arizona will miss the report on Correspondence, and believe that they will come back to it again. We are surprised that two Jurisdictions in this country, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, have not yet ordered the preparation of such reports; but, never having

had them, they do not realize what they miss. It is different with Jurisdictions which have had them, and have discontinued them. In a fit of economy they have voted to retrench, but we think that sooner or later they have returned to the custom. We do not by any means maintain that *all* reports on Correspondence are equally good. We do not believe that the Brethren begin to realize the time and real effort it takes to prepare a careful, informing report, and, with possibly a very rare exception, the work is fairly worth the compensation allowed.

Brother BELDEN is opposed to "floating demits;" he has some fitting words in condemnation of the Brethren of Scotland, who make Masons of persons belonging to other countries when in Scotland on a visit. We dissent from our Brother in his views of the lawfulness of ciphers, "for legitimate" or other purposes, and beg to inform him that ciphers are not allowed in this Jurisdiction, and that there is no "winking" at them.

We further dissent from our Brother in his views as to the power of the Grand Lodge of England to legitimize, as it were, any Grand Lodge it pleases. We do not believe that that Grand Lodge is past the making of mistakes, or indeed of violating the Landmarks; and, if an example is wanted, we may mention the action of that Grand Lodge in 1847 in changing the word "freeborn" to "free agent," or "freeman" as it is now in the form of application, or "declaration," printed in the Constitutions (edition of 1884) of that Grand Lodge. As we said recently, "we can understand the appeal to *sentiment* which was made by the EARL OF ZETLAND, the Grand Master at that time, but, if sentiment is to prevail, we may as well abandon Masonry."

Brother BELDEN is surprised that there is no law requiring an Investigation Committee in West Virginia, and believes that if such is the case, as it is, it is the only Grand Lodge that is so situated. We were surprised ourself some

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time ago to find that there is no such Committee in Virginia, which Jurisdiction West Virginia naturally followed.

In his review of Wyoming, Brother BELDEN says:

“I find while reviewing Pennsylvania, on page cxxxiv of the Correspondence Report the following, and also quote it with pleasure. I do not see how I failed to observe it in the original and I can not quite see how Brother Lamberton comes to quote it under his New Hampshire review:”

For our Brother's information, we may say that, acting upon the belief which we share with him (see his report under Tennessee) “that our Correspondence Reports should be attractive, and in order to be so they must have some bright thoughts sprinkled here and there,” we felt at liberty to take something that was good, especially something from the pen of our Brother WAIT of the Committee on Correspondence of New Hampshire—a Jurisdiction within which we spent some of the best and happiest years of our life—and in his review of Wyoming, in the New Hampshire Proceedings for 1903, at page 155 we found the interesting remarks by Brother WAIT, which we quoted.

Four pages are given to Pennsylvania for 1903, and Grand Master TENNIS's address is with one exception found satisfactory. The exception is what Brother BELDEN is pleased to call a sneer—“a vulgar and gratuitous sneer,”—with regard to this advice to the humble Brother, not to let him become envious of those who claim to be his superiors in Masonic knowledge because they have affixed to their names the appellation of some presiding officer in the so-called “higher bodies,” etc. We may say that Brother TENNIS is a Past Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, Knights Templar, and has received the thirty-third and last degree of the A. and A. S. R.; but he believes that a Mason's first and highest allegiance is to his Lodge.

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In the following our Brother is right in his "probably" but wrong in the title he assigns to us, confusing this writer with his father, the late Right Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother ROBERT A. LAMBERTON:

"The Correspondence Report is submitted by, and probably entirely written by M. W. Brother JAMES M. LAMBERTON, P. G. M., and is a dignified, courteous and instructive review of the Proceedings of sixty-six Jurisdictions."

Brother BELDEN acknowledges the justness of our thought that "it would have been only fair play," if he had given this writer's views in contravention of Brother DRUMMOND's views, which he had given the year before quite fully, as to the relative authority of Anderson's Constitutions, and adds: "but at the rate the discussion was seemingly proceeding, it appeared as though I would have to publish quite a pamphlet each year devoted to that one subject, and my Grand Lodge could not stand it." In reply, we can only repeat that as our Brother had given "a pretty full statement" of Brother DRUMMOND's views, he might well have dropped the matter *after* giving "a pretty full statement" of this writer's views.

Most Worshipful Brother GEORGE SHAND, of Tucson, Grand Master: Very Worshipful Brother GEORGE J. ROSKRUGE, of Tucson, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

ARKANSAS—1904.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Arkansas began its Sixty-second Regular Communication in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Little Rock, on Tuesday, November 15, A.D. 1904, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother JOHN T. HICKS, Grand Master.

We do not recall to have noted before that in the Grand Lodge of Arkansas the Grand Lecturer and the Grand Orator

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take precedence before the Grand Wardens,—surely a most modern of innovations. The Grand Wardens are historically Grand Officers, while the Grand Lecturer and the Grand Orator are merely officers of the Grand Lodge, which is a very different proposition.

From the address of the Grand Master, which gives a full account of his stewardship, we learn that this Brother was made a Mason only fifteen years previously, at which time he seems to have formed the ambition—a laudable one—to become the Grand Master.

It may be recalled that the Grand Lodge of Arkansas in 1902 granted to the Grand Master, if he should find the candidate's imperfections would "not render him unable to intelligently give the necessary signs of recognition," power to grant a special dispensation to make him a Mason if otherwise qualified.

Grand Master HICKS is convinced that, while this marked relaxation of a rule heretofore inflexible, was prompted by a spirit of liberality, it is a dangerous precedent; and after the most serious reflection upon the subject he has come reluctantly to the conclusion that the edict should be repealed. So much of the Grand Master's address as related to this subject was referred to the Committee on Law and Usage, but we do not find any reference to it in the report of that Committee.

In order that funds may be provided for a Masonic Home, the Grand Master advised that the Grand Lodge return again to the biennial system, under which they have been working for six years; the matter will come up next year.

During the two years that had passed the Grand Master had granted dispensation for 15 new Lodges.

It is pleasant to see Grand Secretary HEMPSTEAD pictured as he sits in his office in the Masonic Temple; and we have an interesting picture of the Grand Lodge Hall. The portrait of the incoming Grand Master forms very appropriately the frontispiece, and there are portraits of the retir-

ing Grand Master, of the Grand Lecturer, Brother JOHN M. OUTHOUT, and of Most Worshipful Brother GEORGE E. DODGE, who was Grand Master in 1881-2, and who died February 6, 1904.

The report of the Grand Secretary is full and detailed. It is gratifying to learn that the Temple debt is now provided for. Among the additions to the Library, Brother HEMPSTEAD mentions the following:

“From the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania by Brother James M. Lamberton, Secretary of Committee, an exquisite memorial volume of the sesqui-centennial of Washington, held by that Grand Lodge.

From Brother George Rupp, Grand Librarian of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, seven bound volumes of reprint of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania from 1798 to 1848.”

From the interesting oration of the Grand Orator, Brother F. O. BUTT, we quote the following:

“Another common error, held generally by the profane, and by some of our own people, is that the so-called secrets of Masonry continue to be revealed as the higher degrees are reached, and that as a result, the Mason of the Thirty-third degree, or of the Temple, must of necessity be very learned in the mysteries of the Order—that the more degrees a brother has taken, the better or brighter Mason he necessarily is. But this also is not true. The receiving of degrees above the third, is not a pre-requisite to exaltation in the society. We have princes of Masonry, it is true, but they do not necessarily wear the purple of fraternity rank, nor the insignia of high degree. Our true princes, and heirs apparent to our inmost chambers, are they who have learned the sublime lessons of our Order, and whose lives and hearts speak to the world its blessings. I would not be understood as in the slightest sense deprecating what is termed the higher degrees

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of Masonry in the York and Scottish rites; they are beautiful and impressive beyond any words of mine to describe, and should be taken by every Brother whose time and means will permit of his doing so. But what I do mean, is that every truth of Masonry—every principle or precept necessary to make the true and complete Mason, and complete in the fullest sense, is found in the three degrees of the Blue Lodge; and in no degree of the Order, be it termed high or low, will the seeker ever find one so impressive, awe-inspiring and so stately as that of the Master's degree."

Number of Lodges including 17 under dispensation, 477; initiated in 1904, 1708; total membership, 16,155, a gain of 3739 in two years. Receipts, including balance of \$167.50, were for two years \$24,463.05; disbursements for same period, \$20,314.45; balance \$148.60.

The Grand Orient of Brazil and the Grand Lodges of Costa Rica, and of the Valley of Mexico were recognized.

In our review of Arkansas, two years ago, we said:

"Now that our Past Grand Master ARNOLD, who was, until in 1893 he resigned the position, Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, has passed from earth, we presume his name will no longer appear in the list of Grand Representatives."

Our presumption was wrong, for the name of dear Brother ARNOLD, who died April 24, 1903, appears on page 126 as Grand Representative. However, our Brethren would find it difficult to get as good a Representative in the Grand Lodge on High.

No general report on Correspondence.

Most Worshipful Brother STYLES T. ROWE, of Greenwood, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother FAY HEMPSTEAD, of Little Rock, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

BRITISH COLUMBIA—1905.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of British Columbia began its Thirty-fourth Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, Rossland, on Thursday, June 22, A.D. 1905, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM J. BOWSER, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master is a practical paper and shows a zealous and energetic Brother. He notes our loss in the death of Past Grand Master WAGNER and Junior Grand Warden SWAIN.

Number of Lodges, including three under dispensation, 39, a gain of three; initiated, 279; total membership, 2859, a gain of 260 as stated; but, according to last year's report, the gain would seem to be only 235. Receipts, including balance of \$3,075.85, were \$7,633.50; disbursements, \$4,434.20; balance \$3199.30.

The death of the second Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother SIMEON DUCK, Grand Master in 1874 and 1875, was announced, and his portrait together with those of Most Worshipful Brothers FREDERICK WILLIAMS (Grand Master in 1876 and 1877) and WILLIAM J. BOWSER, the retiring Grand Master, is given at the beginning of the Proceedings.

The report of the Grand Historian and Librarian, Brother W. A. DEWOLF SMITH, shows a wise selection in the purchase of Masonic works. The same Brother, the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, in a special report recommended that the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland be deferred, as also that of the Grand Lodge of Porto Rico, he having been unable to obtain information concerning the same. The report was adopted. The Grand Lodge of Western Australia (1898) was refused.

It is gratifying to find that there is necessity for the dispensing of so little of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge,

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the principal of which now amounts to \$13,268.00, only \$100.00 having been expended.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Chairman, Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM ANDREW DEWOLF SMITH, who has prepared another excellent report. In commenting upon the reporting specially the Lodges in a certain Jurisdiction which did the most work during the year, our Brother well says:

“We doubt the expediency, or propriety, of thus holding up the amount of work done as a matter of emulation. We fear it is apt to result in the use of improper means to secure new members. It is to be hoped that we will not hear before long that prizes are offered for the Lodge making the largest increase in membership.”

We are glad to see that he does not approve of laying corner-stones on Sunday, and he makes a plea for the admission, without fee, of the country doctor, than whom he thinks no one is harder worked and poorer paid, if a discrimination is to be made in favor of the clergyman, because of his being over worked and under paid.

There is much to be said for the following, under South Dakota:

“We maintain that it is no concern of a Masonic Grand Lodge whether Masons belong to the Scottish Rite bodies—any or all of them—the Knights Templars, or the Knights of Pythias. If any of these bodies have troubles of their own, let them fight them out among themselves. A dispute between two Scottish Rite Jurisdictions, for instance, need no more disturb the harmony of a Masonic Grand Lodge than the squabbles of two political parties.”

We gather that Brother DEWOLF SMITH is quite clear in his own mind as to which flag is “the grandest flag that floats beneath the stars.”

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Pennsylvania for 1904 is well summarized. Many of Grand Master BROWN's decisions are quoted, and, it would appear, with approval. In summarizing the address, one mistake is made—as the Grand Master did *not* direct that the letter “G” should be displayed as a Masonic symbol in every Lodge.

Our report receives our Brother's careful and courteous consideration. We note that he states that he learns from our report, among other things, that in our Jurisdiction “a man may be initiated, but not raised, before he is twenty-one.” We confess we are at a loss to know from what our Brother learned this, as it is not correct. It formerly was allowed in Pennsylvania, as we had occasion to point out when speaking of the initiation of WASHINGTON before he was twenty-one, in an address we delivered at the celebration by our Grand Lodge of the Sesqui-centennial anniversary of WASHINGTON's initiation into our Fraternity.

The reply to our Brother's query as to the practice of exchanging Representatives by England having been interrupted, was given at the close of our review of British Columbia in our last report, which our usually observant Brother seems not to have noticed.

We are glad to see that Grand Secretary BRETT has given us more of the first names of the officers of his Grand Lodge, but to find that of the Chairman of his Committee on Correspondence, we had to turn to the list of members of the Correspondence Circle of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, London.

Most Worshipful Brother THOMAS J. ARMSTRONG, of New Westminster, Grand Master; Very Worshipful Brother ROBERT E. BRETT, of Victoria, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

CALIFORNIA—1904.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Jurisdiction of California began its Fifty-fifth Annual Communication at the Masonic Temple, in the City of San Francisco, on Tuesday, October 11, A.D. 1904, and closed three days later.

Most Worshipful Brother CHARLES W. NUTTING, Grand Master.

The annual address of the Grand Master is an excellent paper, showing a right appreciation of what the Fraternity is and what its members should stand for. His decisions, with one slight modification, received approval. We quote the following admirable passage from the address, which received the approval of the Committee on the Grand Master's Address, and of the Grand Lodge:

“ POLITICS AND POLITICAL METHODS IN THE GRAND LODGE.

“ This subject I approach with some trepidation, as I fear that my intentions may be misconstrued ; but the fact that the use of these methods has gradually grown until it has become patent to all who have eyes to see, makes it incumbent on some one to bring it to the attention of the Grand Lodge, and I cannot help but think that this unpleasant duty falls upon the retiring Grand Master. Caucuses have been held for the purpose of influencing the election of Junior Grand Warden ; letters have been written to the representatives of Lodges who will attend the Grand Lodge, as well as letters to persons *outside of the fraternity*, asking them to use their influence in behalf of aspirants for this place ; and whisperings have come to me that combinations have been formed parcelling this office out to various sections of the State for the next few years. Now, brethren, this is all wrong. There is no room in Masonry for the use of these methods ; nothing will so surely mar our usefulness or more certainly strike a death blow at the very foundation of our Institution.

“ The officers selected to serve this Grand Lodge should be the uninfluenced choice of a majority of its members. Consultations as to the best material are perfectly proper; but consultations having the least semblance of those methods so notorious in political conventions should be avoided.

“ This is all—it is only necessary to call attention to these things and the overwhelming majority of Masons, recognizing the danger, will formulate a cure for the evil.”

Number of Lodges, 291, a gain of 7; “ gained by degrees,” 2665; total membership, 29,468, a gain of 2390. Receipts, including overdrafts, were \$42,751.59, which were all disbursed.

The report of the Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home is very detailed. There are 124 inmates: 48 men, 29 women, 20 girls and 27 boys.

The following were adopted as standing regulations:

“ *Resolved*, That the Finance Committee of this Grand Lodge be, and is hereby, authorized to set aside each year a sum of money not to exceed three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for the purpose of purchasing a suitable testimonial to be presented to the retiring Grand Master of this Grand Jurisdiction, and that said Finance Committee is hereby directed to consult with the retiring Grand Master before the purchase of said testimonial is made; and be it further

“ *Resolved*, That the reading of the names of Brethren appointed on Committees of investigation, when reporting, is deemed injudicious and calculated to produce a state of inharmony in a Lodge, and is therefore expressly prohibited, except in those cases where, in the judgment of the Lodge, such disclosure is necessary.”

The latter resolution seems to us to be unwise; for a favorable report from some Brethren, we are sure, often means very much more than a favorable report from some other Brethren; and therefore the names of the Brethren who

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have investigated the applicant should in our judgment be read with the report. Perhaps in California the regulation is not the same as it is with us, that, if one member of the Committee is against a favorable report, the report as a whole is unfavorable, and no one knows whether the objection came from one or from two or from all three of the Committee.

The system of Representatives to and from other Grand Lodges was abandoned, a committee reporting that "this custom is as useless as the appendix vermiformis in the human body."

A telegram of sympathy was sent to Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother WILLIAM JOHNSTON who was confined to his home through illness.

The Grand Orator, Brother ALONZO J. MONROE, took for the subject of the annual oration "The Contributions of Masonry to Human Progress."

The Committee on Necrology paid tribute to the memories of Most Worshipful Brother MORRIS MARCH ESTEE, Past Grand Master, who was born in Freehold, Warren County, Pennsylvania, in 1834, and Right Worshipful Brother NATHAN WESTON SPAULDING, Past Grand Treasurer.

A picture of the retiring Grand Master, who was requested to sit for his portrait, forms the frontispiece of the portly volume.

A Committee was appointed to confer and act in conjunction with other bodies and committees with a view of acquiring a site for and the erection of a new Masonic Temple in San Francisco.

The Report on Correspondence is by the Committee: Brothers WILLIAM A. DAVIES, TIMOTHY H. BARNARD, JOHN H. BROWN, ANSON F. CONNELL, and JEREMIAH J. WILSON. It is explained that "The unusual activity in other branches of Masonry in California during the present year will account for the brevity of this report;" which we suppose refers to the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, in

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September, 1904. The reports on Correspondence, with a few exceptions, received little attention outside of a general characterization, which is entirely fraternal. Many interesting quotations are made from addresses and reports, and we note a tendency to give the list of all the officers of Grand Lodges. In the conclusion, which we take to be by the Chairman, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother DAVIES, our Brother wisely says:

“It is well in these days of unusual Masonic activity to strengthen and hold up the hands of legitimate Masonry everywhere. In this connection we publish in our appendix a frightful list of clandestine Lodges, existing in the Jurisdictions of New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Ohio. Give them notoriety, plenty of rope, and the end will be as it should be, the end of ‘*organized deceit!*’ ”

The list of clandestine Lodges by some oversight is not printed.

Pennsylvania for 1903 is well summarized, and the resolutions on the death of Past Grand Master ARNOLD are given in full. We quote the following: “The Correspondence is, as usual, conducted by a syndicate of illustrious Brethren, of which Brother Lee S. Smith of Pittsburg is a member.” (Our Committee last year were “eminent for their scholastic attainments.”)

The California Committee is mistaken. It is not “usual” for the Report on Correspondence in Pennsylvania to be conducted by “a syndicate.” With the exception of the years 1896-1899, the report has always been written by one Brother, usually the Chairman. This writer, not being a Grand Officer, has no right to be entitled Right Worshipful, and his residence is Harrisburg, not Philadelphia.

Most Worshipful Brother GEORGE W. HUNTER, of Eureka, Grand Master; Very Worshipful Brother GEORGE JOHNSON, of San Francisco, Grand Secretary, re-elected

CANADA—1905.

THE Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, began its Fiftieth Annual Communication in the City of Hamilton, on Wednesday, July 19, A.D. 1905, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother BENJAMIN ALLEN, Grand Master.

Before the opening of Grand Lodge, the Mayor and members of the City Council were introduced, and His Worship the Mayor welcomed the Brethren, the Grand Master replying.

After Grand Lodge had been opened, an address of welcome from the Masters of the Lodges in Hamilton was read, the Grand Master, as before, replying.

At the semi-centennial of the Grand Lodge, a number of distinguished Brethren were present, including the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master of Michigan, Past Grand Master SUTHERLAND of New York and Past Grand Master ELLIS, of Nova Scotia. Grand Master ROWSON, of Michigan, mentioned the interesting fact that fifty years before, on Queen VICTORIA's birthday (May 24th), he had been born in Canada, and on his fiftieth birthday had been elected and installed Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master was excellent, and appropriate to the very interesting occasion. The 1500 Brethren of the 41 Lodges at the beginning had increased to about 35,000 Brethren in 390 Lodges, notwithstanding the loss of over 40 Lodges to Quebec and Manitoba. The growth in finances is very interesting; while the development of charity has so increased that 50 per cent. of the amount received by the Grand Lodge from the Lodges in the ordinary course during the year has been paid out for the relief of the needy and deserving of the Craft—a record to be proud of.

Number of Lodges, 390, a gain of 9; initiated, 3052; total membership, 34,965, a gain of 2257. Receipts, including

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balance of \$6,008.01, were \$39,362.85; disbursements, \$33,209.49; balance, \$6,153.36. The payments by the Grand Treasurer on account of benevolence were \$13,940.00.

Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother J. Ross ROBERTSON delivered a historical address of more than usual interest, treating of the origin of Masonry, its development in England, and then in the Colonies. We have time only to notice one slip, namely that HENRY PRICE was appointed Grand Master of *North America* by "the original Grand Lodge of England," Brother ROBERTSON saying:

"The Craft work of America was introduced into Massachusetts in 1733, when Henry Price was appointed Grand Master of North America by the original Grand Lodge of England. It had, however, been in operation in Pennsylvania slightly earlier, but from what source such knowledge was obtained has so far eluded discovery."

We may best quote here what Brother ROBERT FREKE GOULD, the foremost Masonic historical scholar, says, after a careful discussion of the subject, at page 248 of vol. iv, of his "*History of Freemasonry*," (edition copyrighted in 1889 by John C. Yorston & Company):

"I am inclined to regard the claim advanced by Price to have had his authority extended over all America by Lord Crawford, in 1734, as an hallucination arising out of circumstances which are only dimly shadowed in Franklin's letter of that year."

\$21,361.00 have been raised by voluntary subscription in three years towards the fund of \$100,000.00 to be called the Semi-Centennial Benevolent Fund.

At a grand concert in the evening of the first day:

"The Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers assembled in the west end of the hall and the band played them

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to the platform, where they took seats. Then the Past Masters formed up and the band also played them to the platform. The entire assembly arose at the sound of the first notes of God Save the King and remained standing while The Maple Leaf and Rule Britannia were played, the audience joining in the chorus of both."

An address was then presented to the Grand Master, together with a beautiful loving cup, the gift of the Past Masters of Hamilton.

In a revised Constitution (the preamble of which is wonderfully like that of the Constitution of these United States), the Grand Lodge apparently declined to be styled "Most Worshipful."

The report on Correspondence, or Foreign Correspondence, is by the Chairman of the Committee, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother HENRY ROBERTSON, K.C., who, after an interesting introduction, selects for the benefit, primarily of the Brethren of his own Jurisdiction, as he says, the interesting portions of addresses and reports, and only too rarely adds his comments.

Pennsylvania for 1904 is considered, and extracts are made from the report of the Committee on Library, from Grand Master BROWN's "excellent" address and from our report. Brother ROBERTSON would admit the applicant with two thumbs on one hand, on the ground that he "has all the physical qualifications that the law requires, and more too."

We draw the line on freaks.

Very appropriately the portrait of the incoming Grand Master forms the frontispiece.

Most Worshipful Brother JAMES H. BURRITT, K.C., of Pembroke, Grand Master; Most Worshipful Brother HUGH MURRAY, of Hamilton, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

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THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Colorado began its Forty-fifth Annual Communication at Masonic Temple, in Denver, on Tuesday, September 19, A.D. 1905, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother BENJAMIN L. JAMES, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master gives a complete record of his activities. He wisely speaks of the duty which those who have passed through the chairs are under to continue faithful in their attendance upon the meetings of their Lodge, and of the care that should be exercised in recommending candidates for Masonry.

Number of Lodges, 107, a gain of 3; initiated, 611; total membership, 10,997, a gain of 432. Receipts, including balance of \$19,615.62, were \$31,710.70; disbursements, \$9,455.21; balance, \$22,255.49.

In an endeavor to "unify the esoteric and exoteric Masonic work," it is proposed that there be formed "a collegium of Grand Lecturers," of as many Grand Jurisdictions as may be authorized by their Grand Lodges to assist in the formation thereof, it being provided that there be not less than five. The "collegium" is to meet every three years, and the work as adopted by a majority is to be submitted to each Grand Lodge, which may adopt or reject the same.

The oration this year was by Brother GEORGE W. MUSSEY.

In a special report, the Committee on Correspondence, apropos of the proposition of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, regarding the making of FRANKLIN'S natal day a national Masonic Memorial Day, reported a resolution which was adopted, to the effect, among other things, that "the Grand Lodge of Colorado is not yet fully convinced that it is practical to make an Annual Masonic Memorial Day, but is willing to consider any plan that the Grand Lodge of Alabama shall, in its wisdom, see fit to draw upon the trestle board."

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A Past Grand Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Master. We have, very appropriately, the portrait of the new Grand Master, as a frontispiece, and a sketch of his life; also a portrait of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master GEORGE K. KIMBALL, who was Grand Master in 1888. There are also cuts of the late Right Worshipful Brothers OLIVER AUGUSTUS WHITTEMORE, First Grand Secretary and Past Deputy Grand Master, and CALVIN EDGAR REED, Junior Grand Deacon, who died during the year.

The report on Correspondence is another fine production from Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother LAWRENCE N. GREENLEAF.

He well says, under Kansas:

“The help of every member of the Guild is needed to combat the growing tendency to belittle the ancient customs and usage of the Craft and to make innovations. It is only by presenting a united front that we can stay the hand of the iconoclast.”

Under Mississippi, we find:

“He (the Grand Master) refused to lay the corner-stone of a church because the stone was not to be laid in the north-east corner, as Masonic tradition directs.

“While it is desirable that a corner-stone should be so laid, we do not believe it is mandatory, and we think the Grand Master erred on the side of too strict conformity to symbolism, and that compliance with the request would not have shaken the solidity of the Masonic Institution, or scattered the Landmarks to the four winds. Hundreds of such cases as the above occur annually, and the sun stays not in his course, neither doth the moon refuse to shed her light. Seriously, are not thousands of Lodge rooms situated diametrically opposite to the supposed or symbolical points of the compass within, the East frequently being in the North, South

or West, in point of fact? If the living stone can be placed symbolically in the northeast, whatever may be its external or actual designation, why not a senseless stone in a ceremony which has only a symbolic significance?

Brother GREENLEAF evidently agrees with us, that where MACGREGOR sits is the head of the table, and where the Grand Master lays the corner-stone that is the north-east corner.

The following is from the report of Brother ROBBINS, of Illinois:

“Masonry has never been universal in the sense that it was geographically distributed over the whole earth. The claim of the Masonic Fathers, the men from whom we have derived our Free and Accepted Masonry, never could have meant universality for it in that sense; because manuscripts contemporaneous with the dawn of speculative Masonry put forward the claim of universality as broadly as it has ever been put since, and these manuscripts were made and used by men who knew—or thought they knew, not being aware of the existence of a few Lodges in Scotland—that there were not half a score of Lodges in the British Islands and that there were *none* elsewhere. To claim for the society universality under such conditions, in the sense of universal geographical distribution, would have been sheer buncombe. But that Masonry is universal in the sense that its catholic basis of fellowship is broad enough, and the scope of its principles far reaching enough to take in all the races of men, was true in the beginnings of the institution, is now true, and will continue to be true through the centuries which are likely to elapse before all peoples have advanced enough to adapt themselves to it and thus make its universal distribution possible.”

To this, Brother GREENLEAF replies:

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“The claim of the Masonic Fathers so far from being sheer buncombe, is being proven correct. The earliest manuscripts and the later books and lectures all make the same identical claim of antiquity and universality for Masonry. A multitude of things connected with the institution have been denied, but later discoveries have demonstrated their existence; so will it be with the claim that has ever been put forth of universality. The many instances of Masonry being found to exist in remote quarters of the globe, and in the lone islands of the sea, the traditions of the Indian race that they were in possession of Masonic signs and secrets before the advent of the white man on this continent, all goes to show that Masonry was not the sole possession of the four old London Lodges—while they, themselves, never claimed that it was, but that it was universal.”

Nearly six pages are given to an informing summary of Pennsylvania for 1904. Many of Grand Master BROWN's decisions are quoted. Referring to our wish that Brother GREENLEAF would investigate how old the letter “G” as a Masonic symbol may be, and our impression as to its not going back of 1770, our Brother says:

“The decision, Brother Lamberton, of your present Grand Master, reversing the action of his predecessor saves us the labor of research. The stir which the decision created in this country and in England should put a quietus upon interfering with symbols and customs venerated by the Craft.”

We may say in passing that Grand Master TENNIS was not the first Grand Master to point out that the letter “G” forms no part of our ceremony, as Grand Master MACCALLA, for one, pointed that fact out. As to the date of the use of the letter as a Masonic symbol, we were very much interested to see in a very entertaining paper on “Mock Masonry in the Eighteenth Century,” in the Transactions of Quatuor

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Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, in this year's volume (xviii), by our esteemed friend, Right Worshipful Brother W. J. CHETWODE CRAWLEY, LL.D., the learned Grand Treasurer of Ireland, that as early as 1742 the letter "G" was so used, it appearing in a cut in the (London) *Westminster Journal* for May 8, 1742.

Most Worshipful Brother CHARLES F. PAINTER, of Telluride, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother CHARLES H. JACOBSON, of Denver, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

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THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Connecticut, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, began its One Hundred and Seventeenth Annual Communication at Masonic Temple, in the City of New Haven, on Wednesday, January 18, A.D. 1905, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother GEORGE E. PARSONS, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master is interesting: he is rightly jealous of the proper respect that should be paid to the Grand Master. He is fortunate in being able to announce that none of the officers or permanent members of the Grand Lodge have been taken by death. In mentioning the losses sustained in other Jurisdictions, he records the deaths of Past Grand Master WAGNER and Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden Brother CHARLES M. SWAIN, the first name of the latter both here and in the memorial pages being given incorrectly.

The Grand Master recommended in effect that a standard work should be adopted, and that means should be devised "whereby an accurate knowledge of it may be acquired by those who are entitled thereto." This recommendation received the approval of the Committee on Grand Master's

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Address, but was the only thing in their report that the Grand Lodge did not approve. The matter was referred to a special committee to report next year.

Past Grand Master STEVENS was again unable to be present through illness, and the sympathy of the Grand Lodge was extended to that Brother and also to Brother N. G. HINCKLEY, for thirty-five years the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Grand Lodge, who was absent on account of sickness.

A Past Grand Master's jewel and apron were presented to the retiring Grand Master, whose portrait forms the frontispiece. Just why the Grand Master of Masons in Connecticut should be pictured in the official Proceedings wearing a decoration of the Mystic Shrine is more than we can understand. A picture is given of the new Masonic Hall at Monroe, and a portrait is given of Most Worshipful Brother DAVID E. BOSTWICK, who was Grand Master in 1865.

Number of Lodges, 110; initiated, 974; total membership, 19,346, a gain of 832, as we calculate from last year's total, but Brother BARLOW makes it a gain of 299. Receipts, including balance of \$7,687.68, were \$22,083.68; disbursements, including \$10,562.50 to the Masonic Charity Foundation, were \$14,001.76; balance, \$8,081.92.

The report on Masonic Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, Most Worshipful Brother JOHN H. BARLOW, his eleventh. He gleans skilfully the good things in the various reports. Our Brother shows that he is open to conviction, and his experience has led him to modify his opinion previously expressed in opposition to requiring an applicant to visit a Lodge to produce some printed evidence of his Masonic standing. We confess to sharing in some degree Brother BARLOW's modified opinion.

Brother BARLOW is opposed to doing away with what he calls all territorial jurisdiction, and allowing applicants to

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apply to any Lodge that they may choose. He calls this "pernicious doctrine;" just why pernicious, we should like to know.

We assure our good Brother that he has lost a good deal in not finding the time "to carefully read" the several numbers of the Transactions of the great Masonic literary Lodge, Quatuor Coronati, No. 2076, of London, which came to his office. We see by the last list of members of the Correspondence Circle of this Lodge that only three members (and none of them from Hartford) hail from the Nutmeg State.

We learn from our Brother that, under the regulations of Illinois and Connecticut, an objection made privately to the Worshipful Master, or by a letter addressed to him, is sufficient to prevent the initiation of an approved petitioner. Such is not the regulation in this Jurisdiction.

We cordially agree with Brother BARLOW in thinking that *Roman* should precede Catholic, when reference is made to Catholics of the Roman obedience. The Church of Rome has twice changed its name, and now it would like to drop out the word "Roman."

Pennsylvania for 1903 receives full review, and several quotations are made from Grand Master TENNIS's valedictory address, Brother BARLOW not approving the decisions that a Lodge room cannot be sub-let to a Lodge of Eastern Star, and that no Masonic burial service can be performed at a cremation.

More than two pages are given to our report, although we think that our dear Brother had a little too much "nutmeg" "in his." In his report last year he stated, "The Committee on Correspondence as usual consists of five members. The report, however, is by one member," giving the name of this writer. This year Brother BARLOW states, "The report on Correspondence is, as usual, by a Committee of five," and adds that, with the exception of the chairman, this writer, all are new members, whereas the only new mem-

ber was Brother MURDOCK KENDRICK. Further, as showing that the "nutmeg" was getting in its work, Brother BARLOW ascribes to this writer some view upon the antiquity of Freemasonry, which we had quoted, under Alabama, from Brother TITCOMB, and had marked the quotation with quotation marks, and had also done as our Brother BARLOW himself does, left a space between the text and the quotation. It is not "novel" in this Jurisdiction for one Brother to write the report on Correspondence, which we have done for some years.

We are glad to have our Brother express his agreement with us upon a number of subjects, and should be very glad to welcome him again at our Temple in the City of Brotherly Love.

The fifteenth annual report of the Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut is printed at the end of the Proceedings, and shows an excellent condition of affairs. The number of inmates at the Home is 65, and the cost of maintaining the Home has been about the same as last year, "say 40 cents for each member *per diem*," which includes the cost of the whole Masonic family.

Most Worshipful Brother ASA P. FITCH, of Hartford, Grand Master; Most Worshipful Brother JOHN H. BARLOW, of Hartford, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

COSTA RICA—1905.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient and Accepted Free Masons for the Republic of Costa Rica, held the usual Quarterly Communications at the Masonic Temple, San José, in February, May, August and November, 1904, and the Annual Communication in January, 1905.

Most Worshipful Brother GUSTAVO PRADILLA, Grand Master.

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A "Festival" or "Occasional" or "Extraordinary" Lodge was held on St. John the Baptist's Day. The November Quarterly and the Annual Communications held two sessions, some time apart.

The address of the Grand Master tells of additional recognition by other Jurisdictions, and shows an earnest, faithful Grand Officer. He recommended a change in the Code in two particulars, a reform in the matter of trials, and the establishment of a Committee on Foreign Relations, or, as we are accustomed to call it, a Committee on Correspondence.

Number of Lodges, 7, a gain of one; initiated, 53; total membership, 203, a gain of 14.

We note that it was decided, wisely we think, that telegraphic credentials would not be accepted.

The portrait of the incoming Grand Master forms very appropriately the frontispiece of the Proceedings which are labeled "1904," although the Annual Communication was held in 1905.

Most Worshipful Brother THOMAS POVEDANO, of San José, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother EDMUND A. OSBORNE, of San José, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

CUBA—1905.

THE Grand Lodge of the Island of Cuba held its usual Communications.

Most Worshipful Brother JOSÉ F. PELLON, Grand Master.

The Proceedings or "Anuario" are in Spanish, naturally, and for the benefit of those of us who do not understand that language the address of their able Grand Master is printed also in English. It is in keeping with his previous addresses, and shows a wise administrator.

During the year there were 499 initiations, the total membership being 2782, a gain of 331.

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The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by the Chairman, Brother FRANCISCO DE P. RODRIGUEZ, and seems to be a carefully prepared paper.

Most Worshipful Brother JOSÉ FERNANDEZ PELLON, of Cienfuegos, Grand Master, re-elected; Right Worshipful Brother AURELIO MIRANDA, of Havana, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

DELAWARE—1905.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Delaware began its One Hundredth Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, in Wilmington, on Wednesday, October 4, A.D. 1905, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother R. HENRY YOUNG, Grand Master.

In addition to Grand Secretary REDWAY and Past Grand Master EWAN, of New Jersey, there were present Brother SAMUEL W. WRAY, Grand Tyler of our Grand Lodge, and eight other Brethren hailing from Pennsylvania.

We are impressed with the able address of Grand Master YOUNG, containing as it does excellent and practical suggestions. He reported the death two days before, of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother JAMES S. DODD; while that dear Brother will be sadly missed, his memory will remain fresh. He was buried on the afternoon of the second day. We are glad to have his portrait.

Under "Grand Lodge Visitations," the Grand Master reports:

"Having received an invitation from Right Worshipful JAMES W. BROWN, of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, I visited his Grand Lodge on December

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27, 1904, and the fraternal and cordial reception accorded me will long be remembered."

The Grand Master thinks that all meetings of Lodges should properly be called Communications. With us, the Grand Lodge holds *Communications*, while the Lodges hold *meetings*.

Under "Applicants for Charity," Brother YOUNG says:

"In reading the Proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for last year, I was surprised to find that fifteen Delaware Masons had applied to the Charity Committee of the jurisdiction for relief. It seems to me we should know who these applicants were and whether they were worthy of assistance. If they were far away from home, in the South or West, it might be admissable, but to have so many applying to a neighboring jurisdiction is a matter that should be looked into. Would it not be well for our R. W. Grand Secretary to secure a list of names of such applicants? We do not want our Brethren of other jurisdictions imposed upon, nor would we like to be imposed upon in the same way."

Number of Lodges, 22; initiated, 127; total membership, 2668, a gain of 66. Receipts, including balance of \$1,764.23, were \$3,426.93; disbursements, \$1,684.58; balance, \$1,742.35.

It will interest our Brethren to know that a committee has been appointed to devise and procure a flag for the Grand Lodge of Delaware.

Not being able to be present, the Right Reverend Brother LEIGHTON COLEMAN, Bishop of Delaware (still, we believe a member of his old Lodge, No. 242, of Pennsylvania), sent a letter transmitting a keystone which he had obtained in March preceding, from the same quarry in the neighborhood from which the stones for SOLOMON'S Temple were had. The

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BISHOP had taken the stone to the Mosque of Omar, and had laid it against two columns standing there which are believed to have belonged to the Temple.

Brother JOHN S. GROHE donated a Master's pedestal which had been in use by Hiram Lodge, No. 6, over one hundred years ago.

At the beginning of the Proceedings we are glad to see Grand Master YOUNG.

The report on Correspondence is by the Chairman of the Committee, Right Worshipful Past Deputy Grand Master Reverend Brother LEWIS H. JACKSON. It is full of interest; and, as he is limited in space, his reviews of the reports on Correspondence are usually confined to that portion which treats of Delaware.

We are not surprised to have our Brother say that while he has taken the Capitular degrees and Templar orders, "his first allegiance and deepest interest is in what is called Blue Lodge Masonry;" he is opposed to the laying of corner-stones on Sunday. He is with us in preferring "Fraternity" to "Order." He believes that a library is the proper thing for a Grand Lodge to have.

The following is well put, under Vermont:

"We note the following concerning the 'importance of Past Master's Degree:'

"'At the session of the Grand Lodge in June, 1894, a committee was appointed to prepare a ritual for the purpose of communicating to Worshipful Masters-elect of Lodges the instruction necessary for them to receive before installation. This instruction is known as the Past Master's Degree. The term is a misnomer, as the instruction is not a Masonic degree, nor is it designed for Past Masters, but for present Masters-elect.'

"This last clause expresses just the same truth we have been preaching for years—the term Past Master's Degree

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is a misnomer, it is not designed for Past Masters, but for Masters-elect for their installation into office, and should be called simply the Installation Ceremony. There is nothing in the nature of a degree in Symbolic Masonry about it, but if you will dub it a 'degree,' please call it 'Installed Master's Degree.' Every Worshipful Master out of office, is a Past Master, but there is no degree belonging to that title any more than there is to a Past Grand Master. See? Both have to be installed into office and there is a ceremony of Installation for both, but the ceremonies used are not degrees by any sort of manipulation. Consistency should be a jewel of great value among Masons."

Pennsylvania for 1904 receives three pages of well prepared review. We quote:

" We sincerely and fraternally regret to note the death of two Past Grand Masters, Brothers CONRAD B. DAY and GEORGE E. WAGNER; also that of Bro. CHARLES M. SWAIN, Junior Grand Warden. These were distinguished Brethren, well beloved by all who knew them. We shall miss their welcome visits to the Grand Lodge of Delaware, enjoyed for a number of years past."

A number of Grand Master BROWN's decisions are quoted, and his refusal to permit Masonic ceremonies in the laying of a corner-stone of a church on Sunday is "commendable and entirely correct."

Brother JACKSON speaks cordially of our report, and we are sure that our Brother has, as usual, given our Grand Lodge the honor it deserves. We thank him for kind regards.

Most Worshipful Brother LEVIN IRVING HANDY, of Newark, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother BENJAMIN F. BARTRAM, of Wilmington, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—1904.

THE Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the District of Columbia held at Masonic Temple, Washington, D. C., the first stated Communication March 12, the second May 11, the third September 24, the Annual December 21, and the St. John's Day Communication, December 27, A.D. 1904.

Most Worshipful Brother JAMES A. WETMORE, Grand Master.

A number of special Communications were held, three for laying corner-stones and two for funeral services, the venerable Grand Chaplain Reverend Brother CLAUDIUS BUCHANAN SMITH and Most Worshipful Past Grand Master SEATON having entered into rest.

At the laying of the corner-stone of the Memorial Continental Hall, for the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, in the city of Washington, upon which occasion the Grand Master used the historic gavel used by President WASHINGTON when on September 18, 1793, he laid the corner-stone of the National Capitol in the "Federal District," as it was then called, the Grand Master made a very interesting address. It would be most interesting to us of Pennsylvania if one of his statements could be substantiated. Brother WETMORE said:

"It was in one of these Army Lodges, No. 19, on the Pennsylvania Roster, that Lafayette was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason."

We doubt this statement, because, when, on May 4, 1825, LAFAYETTE visited the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, and made an address, the official proceedings recorded the following:

"He had been, he said, long a member of the Order, hav-

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ing been initiated, young as he was, even before he entered the service of our country in the Revolutionary War.”

At the Annual Communication, the Grand Master delivered a long, able and comprehensive address. He reports at length the correspondence between the Grand Master of Pennsylvania and himself upon a case of an applicant whom we believe to be a bona fide resident of Pennsylvania, while our District of Columbia Brother considers that he is a resident of the District. The letters of Brother WETMORE are characterized by the utmost courtesy and very high ability, such as we should expect after having had the pleasure of meeting that Brother on several occasions. We very much regret that we cannot change our position, much as we should like to oblige Brother WETMORE and Brother BAIRD.

Under “Invitations,” the Grand Master reports the following:

“March 31, 1904, the annual banquet of the Order of High Priesthood, at the Hotel Cochran, on which occasion the R. W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania was present.

“November 10, 1904, the 125th anniversary of the institution of Perseverance Lodge, No. 21, located at Harrisburg, Pa., and the banquet which followed at the Chamber of Commerce Building. Among the distinguished speakers present were the R. W. Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, and His Excellency the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania.

“December 7, 1904, at the quarterly communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and the Grand Master’s dinner which was given in the banquet hall of the Masonic Temple during the intermission between the morning and evening sessions of the Grand Lodge.”

Number of Lodges, 26; initiated, 440; total membership, 7365, a gain of 301. Receipts, including balance of \$7,-

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223.69, were \$14,759.54; disbursements, \$6,696.20; balance, \$8,063.20.

Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico was recognized, the Grand Lodge of Western Australia (1898) was indefinitely postponed, and it was decided to open up fraternal relations with a great many Grand Lodges on the continent of Europe, the Committee saying: "From what information we have obtained in regard to these Grand Lodges, there seems to be no doubt of their regularity."

We wish it might be so.

After the installation of officers on St. John's Day, December 27, a Past Grand Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Master, whose portrait forms the frontispiece, and whose biographical sketch we have read with great interest.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by the Chairman, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother GEORGE W. BAIRD, his fifth. His work is well done. He selects the interesting items in summarizing the doings of other Jurisdictions, and comments from time to time in an informing manner.

Our Brethren will be interested in the following, under Alabama:

"One of our 'cogent reasons' for wishing a record to be kept of the articles deposited in the cavity of every cornerstone is that our records may be full and complete, and that they may be of national or international importance. A few years ago I was asked by a prominent Government official if I could inform him what was in the corner-stone of the 'White House' (President's house) in this city. After an exhaustive search I could find nothing further than the official record that 'it was laid with Masonic ceremonies.' There is no record of what lodge, nor what Master laid it; of what went into it, nor at which corner of the building it

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was placed. The corner-stone of the Capitol is at the southwest corner. The custom of placing the stone was not then, as now, that it must essentially be placed at the northeast corner."

Our Brethren will likewise be interested in the following personal experience, under Nevada, referring to the matter of Roman Catholics being members of the Fraternity:

"It would be a dangerous experiment to have a majority of Romanists in any lodge. If the parish priest should see fit to order them to break the lodge up they would do it. We belonged to a lodge in Portugal many years ago. We were obliged to sneak up to the fourth story of a building in Rua Nova de Carmo, each man, by the light of his wax taper, to the lodge room. We left there in 1868 and did not return for ten years; we immediately looked up a member of the lodge who said the priests had discovered us and had broken the lodge up. This is our experience. *We are afraid of them.*"

Pennsylvania for 1903 comes in for fraternal review. We have our Brother's "heartiest wishes for success," in the establishment of another Masonic home, and we appreciate his reference to "that great man and Mason, Michael Arnold." The address of Grand Master TENNIS, he says, "is a rare treat—it is a poem," while "the inaugural address of Grand Master Brown, an admirable essay, assures us that he is a worthy successor of the able Tennis."

Our report he kindly characterizes as "a fine literary effort," for which we thank him.

Our Brother's quotation of "Consistency, thou art a jewel," amuses us. From the records of the Grand Lodge it appears that Mr. Talbott said his "residence" was Philadelphia; in the statement Brother BAIRD quotes, Mr. Talbott said he "never resided" in the State of Pennsylvania. So there it is. We have no means of knowing how thoroughly

the committee of investigation did its duty; we must *presume* that the applicant said to it that he resided in Philadelphia. We *know* that it reported favorably; the candidate was approved by the ballot, and he was duly initiated; and, by virtue of a dispensation from the proper Masonic authority, received the second and third degrees the same evening.

We maintain, in spite of some amusing remarks about the Pharisee, that the person who is still a voter and a bona fide resident of Pennsylvania, may not be initiated in another Jurisdiction until it has been ascertained from the Lodge nearest his residence whether or no there is a Masonic objection to his being initiated; and, if perchance he receives the degrees elsewhere, we must decline to recognize him as a member of the Fraternity.

Most Worshipful Brother LUTIN R. GINN, of Washington, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother GEORGE JOHNSTON, of Washington, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

ENGLAND—1905.

THE Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England held a Quarterly Communication at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday, December 7, A.D. 1905.

Right Worshipful Brother the Right Honorable THOMAS FREDERICK HALSEY. M.P., Deputy Grand Master, as Grand Master.

The Grand Master, as was reported at the previous Quarterly Communication, had suggested to the Grand Masters of Ireland and Scotland, that joint action might be taken respecting the recognition in the respective Jurisdictions, of decrees of suspension, exclusion and expulsion, as to the status and rights of Masters and Past Masters in the several Jurisdictions, and as to the recognition of new Grand Lodges

in the Colonies or territories where the three Grand Lodges exercise concurrent jurisdiction. The Board of General Purposes reported that a message had been received from His Royal Highness, the Grand Master, intimating that the Grand Masters of Ireland and Scotland had cordially agreed to the principle of a joint understanding, and that a committee, consisting of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Registrar, the President of the Board of General Purposes and the Grand Secretary was appointed to take steps for securing an interchange of views and of carrying into effect the decisions arrived at. This is a most admirable project. The result of the conference that was held is given in this report under Ireland, at page 269.

In the Grand Lodge of England there are but two officers who are elected by the Brethren—the Grand Master and the Grand Treasurer; which practically means that there is only the latter. All other officers are appointed by the Grand Master, and when so appointed they wear a purple collar, so that to “don the purple” means to be appointed to office, or to Past Grand Rank, in the Grand Lodge. Those who do not hold such office wear of course the blue, and quite naturally many that wear the blue wish to “don the purple.” Hence every year there is a struggle for the position of Grand Treasurer, and this has led to such abuses in the way of solicitation and expense, that it has been proposed that the Grand Treasurer should be appointed by the Grand Master or that the office be abolished entirely. (It should be said that in the Grand Lodge of England the duties of the Grand Treasurer are merely nominal.)

A further question was raised as to whether those who have been officers of the Grand Lodge, and those who hold Past Grand Rank, who are very many, could be candidates for the Grand Treasurership.

Questions were submitted to the members of the Grand Lodge asking whether the office of Grand Treasurer should

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be abolished; the vote on this was 1515 for, and 30,839 against: whether the Grand Master should appoint; the vote on this was 17,934 for and 19,643 against: whether the present mode of election should be retained with such qualifications as may be deemed necessary; the vote on this was 14,753 for and 7449 against: whether the voting should be by voting papers, each member of Grand Lodge to send in his ballot, the vote on this was 18,121 for and 6833 against: and whether Past Grand Officers should be ineligible, the vote on this was 15,543 for and 7388 against.

The regulations were altered accordingly.

An Annual Grand Festival was held on April 26, 1905, when the Grand Master was proclaimed, and the other officers were appointed and installed, and Past Grand Rank was conferred on twenty Brethren.

In the proceedings of the June Quarterly, we note the acknowledgment of the gift by Brother W. J. HUGHAN, of a copy of the "In Memoriam, Geo. E. Wagner," and in those of the September Quarterly, the gift of "Reprint of Minutes, G. L. of Pennsylvania, vol. 9," from the Grand Lodge.

The sum of \$5,000.00 was granted in aid of the fund being raised by the Viceroy of India for the relief of the sufferers by the recent earthquake in India, and \$350.00 was granted for supplying with coal the inmates of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, at Croydon.

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Most Worshipful Brother His Royal Highness the DUKE OF CONNAUGHT, of London, Grand Master, re-elected; Very Worshipful Brother Sir EDWARD LETCHWORTH, F.S.A., of London, Grand Secretary, re-appointed.

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THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Jurisdiction of Florida began its Seventy-sixth Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Jacksonville, on Tuesday, January 17, A.D. 1905, and closed two days later.

Most Worshipful Brother THOMAS M. PULESON, Grand Master.

The annual address of the Grand Master is excellent and conservative. The Home and Orphanage project receives his hearty endorsement, and he emphasizes, very rightly as we think, the importance of a well selected and conveniently arranged Masonic library.

He reported that the death angel had summoned from his earthly labors, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother WILLIAM FORSYTHE BYNUM, who was Grand Master in 1894.

It is pleasant to read that the Grand Lodge Building is free from all encumbrances.

Number of Lodges, 153, a gain of 4; initiated, 694; total membership, 6019, a gain of 590. Receipts, including balance of \$9,749.69, were \$16,376.64; disbursements, \$9,901.44; balance, \$6,475.20.

In accordance with a special report of the Committee on Correspondence, Brazil and Western Australia (1898) were refused recognition, and Queensland was deferred.

A Past Grand Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Master.

The evening of the second day was given up to a celebration of the 75th anniversary of the organization of the Grand Lodge, a careful and interesting historical address being made by Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother SAMUEL PASCO, whose portrait forms the frontispiece. From his address we quote the following, as of special interest to the Brethren of Pennsylvania. We may say that St.

Andrew's Lodge had been chartered by JAMES GRANT, Grand Master of a Lodge that had been chartered by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, at St. Augustine, and "which being under the immediate supervision of the Provisional Grand Master (Brother Grant, who held his commission from the Grand Lodge of Scotland) was endowed with the authority and privileges of a Grand Lodge."

"St. Andrew's Lodge prepared to meet the new situation, which was then impending, in June, 1783, by opening a correspondence with the Grand Lodge at Philadelphia, asking to be admitted into that Grand Jurisdiction. This Grand Lodge was organized as the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, under authority of a warrant from the Grand Lodge of England, bearing date June 30, 1764. It continued subordinate to this Grand Jurisdiction till September 25, 1786, when it declared itself an independent Grand Lodge and has been so held and considered since that date.

"The Grand Lodge at Philadelphia responded favorably to the request of the Brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge on the 12th of July, 1783, and referred their application to the Master of Lodge No. 38, in Charleston, with authority to examine and ascertain whether the lodge was composed of regular Brethren or clandestines. A charter was sent with this communication, which he was authorized to deliver, if he was satisfied that it should be granted to the applicants.

"Brother Edward Weyman, Master of Lodge No. 38, replied, August 28, 1783, to the Grand Secretary at Philadelphia that his Lodge had made the investigation as directed, with satisfactory results; that the charter had accordingly been delivered and accepted and that St. Andrew's Lodge, to be numbered 40, would thenceforward be subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

"George Carter was installed as Worshipful Master of the lodge and on the 5th of September, 1783, addressed a letter to the Grand Lodge at Philadelphia, expressing the satisfac-

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tion of the Brethren at the action taken and giving hearty assurance of devotion to the principles of the Craft and loyalty to the Grand Lodge. This letter was accompanied by a list of the members of the lodge, then numbering 34.

“The lodge remained under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania until 1787, when it united with three other lodges of Ancient York Masons and one belonging to the Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons of England in a convention which organized the Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons of South Carolina and the connection of St. Andrew’s Lodge with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was terminated in September of that year.”

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is by the Chairman, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother SILAS B. WRIGHT, his fourth. It is much longer than last year, and will furnish the Brethren with interesting reading. He summarizes well and selects interesting topics.

We should like very much to have our Brother justify his statement, “The use of the National Flag of the respective countries by Masonic Lodges, dates prior to the organization of the Grand Lodge of England” (1717).

Our Brother agrees with us in not approving the laying of corner-stones on Sunday; and we agree with him in thinking it a “dangerous thing” to issue a dispensation to receive and act upon a petition without reference to a committee.

Under Louisiana,, we quote:

“The forms of petitions change, and statements are made thereon which may become important, and which can only be proven by the original paper itself. A few years since, a man who was rejected in a Florida Lodge, some fifteen years ago, had applied to and been received in a Lodge in Pennsylvania. The wording of the statements in that petition became important, in order to show the extent of the fraud and misrepresentation of that man. Grand Masters

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find the original petitions very necessary in nearly all cases of invasion of Jurisdiction.”

We are at a loss to understand this case, as for very many years (at least since 1857) the applicant in this Jurisdiction has declared in his petition “that he has not heretofore been rejected by any regularly constituted Lodge.”

Brother WRIGHT wishes more light upon the duties of Grand Representatives, and, while he fully agrees that “the rule of comity between Grand Lodges” does not exist, he “thinks that it should exist and that all should give full force and effect to the laws of each Grand Jurisdiction so far as it relates to members and material coming from that Grand Jurisdiction.”

Pennsylvania for 1903 receives more than five pages of review, Brother WRIGHT noting that which would be of special interest to the Brethren outside of Pennsylvania. Of Grand Master TENNIS’s address, he says it “is an interesting document, setting forth in a masterly and scholarly manner his doings during the year.” Quoting a question of Brother TENNIS’s, “Are we making too many members of Lodges and too few Masons?” he says:

“Which, in our personal opinion, to a considerable extent, causes the very evils of which he speaks. The Lodge is used as a stepping-stone to something else. It is quite probable that the Lodge is as well off without those who hurry through. It may be that it is not ‘Masonry’ that they are after, but that something which is, by some, said to exist in unknown regions beyond, causing them to hurry through with little or no appreciation for the beauties found in our ground work, the first three degrees. We would not imply that there is nothing beyond the Lodge, for we know that there is, and we have a better understanding of the first three degrees, because of what we got further along, and it is also true that we feel that we better appreciate

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what was received further on because of the years of study in the Lodge proper."

Comment is made upon several decisions, some being, he tells us, contrary to the rule in several Jurisdictions. Grand Master BROWN's inaugural was "an excellent address."

Our report is kindly called "an excellent review." We are surprised and a little amused to have Brother WRIGHT say that this writer treated his "report of two years ago with a kind, paternal consideration, not unpleasant (and this is not 'sarkasm' either)." We certainly plead "Not Guilty" to the "paternal." Our Brother quotes our remarks on three different subjects.

At the end of his report, Brother WRIGHT gives an interesting review of the 16th volume (1903) of the "Ars Quatuor Coronatorum," or Proceedings of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076, London, England. We hope it may lead some of our Brethren to join the Correspondence Circle. The Local Secretary for Pennsylvania is Brother GEORGE P. RUPP, Librarian, Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, and the annual dues are but \$2.56.

Most Worshipful Brother CHARLES W. JOHNSON, of Jacksonville, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WILBER P. WEBSTER, of Jacksonville, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

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THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Georgia began its One Hundred and Eighteenth Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Macon, on Tuesday, October 25, A.D. 1904, and closed two days later.

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Most Worshipful Brother MAX MEYERHARDT, Grand Master.

The annual address of the Grand Master is comprehensive, forceful and eloquent. It is very gratifying to have him say: "Never before in all her splendid history has Masonry enjoyed such abounding prosperity as during the year past." Feeling that some distinction was due to the faithful Masters and Past Masters who have attended Grand Lodge for many years, he recommended that, when a Master or Past Master has attended the Grand Lodge for 30 or more consecutive years, he be presented with a jewel.

Heretofore we have commented upon the size of the various committees appointed in the Grand Lodge of Georgia. The Grand Master justifies the largeness of his committees by the quickness with which they have performed their work. He likewise referred to the number of members in Congress and State Legislatures who serve on committees, every member being a member of some committee. It having been charged that a Grand Master may perpetuate himself in office by appointing Past Masters on committees, the Grand Master in no feeble tones repudiated the charge as appertaining to any Grand Master or to the faithful Past Masters of Georgia, and later resolutions of confidence in their Grand Master were unanimously passed, and he was elected to serve a fifth term.

In our report last year we noted that the sum of money which was appropriated to enable the Grand Master to attend our Washington celebration in 1902, which he was at the last prevented from doing, had been appropriated to pay his expenses "to the Grand Convention of Masons to meet in St. Louis during the year 1904." The Grand Master in his address this year stated that he had decided not to use the money, and requested that it might be used to furnish the new Masonic Home.

The completion of the Masonic Home, a beautiful building,

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as the frontispiece shows, was a happy event, and its dedication on the afternoon of the first day was a very interesting and impressive ceremony, during which a number of most appropriate addresses were delivered.

A collection amounting to \$58.95 was taken up on the evening of the second day for the Georgia Industrial Home.

Number of Lodges, 461, a net gain of ten; initiated 2069; total membership, 24,120, a gain of 1279. Receipts, including balance of \$23,341.57, were \$61,306.81; disbursements, \$36,511.10; balance, \$24,795.71.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Committee, Brother A. Q. MOODY, his fourth. He selects the prominent happenings or such as he thinks might interest the Masons of Georgia. We think they will be interested. Brother MOODY gives his own views from time to time, but in few words. He does not think the old saying, "Too many cooks spoil the broth," applies to the broth produced by the large committees in Georgia, and does think that the time is past when it is necessary for the Grand Master to exercise his ancient prerogative "of making a Mason at sight." Brother MOODY is quite right when he says, under New York.

"It is not reasonable to expect that we should maintain fraternal relations with Grand Bodies that 'deny the existence of God and banish the Bible from their Masonic altar,' even though in them are found some individuals, 'who acknowledge a Supreme Being.'"

Pennsylvania for 1903, "a volume of great typographical excellence," has its salient points noted in three pages of comment and quotation. Our report ("very complete") is mentioned, and Brother MOODY, noting our wish that we could have met him at our Washington celebration in November, 1902, says, "We assure our good Brother that pressing

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engagements at home alone prevented our taking advantage of the kind invitation extended to us."

Most Worshipful Brother MAX MEYERHARDT, of Rome, Grand Master, re-elected; Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM A. WOLIHIN, of Macon, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

IDAHO—1905.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Idaho began its Thirty-eighth Annual Communication in the Masonic Hall, in Boise, on Tuesday, September 12, A.D. 1905, and closed two days later.

Most Worshipful Brother ALBERT W. GORDON, Grand Master.

In his annual address, after some sound reflections on the performance of Masonic duty, the Grand Master gives a full account of his administration. He reported the death of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother GEORGE L. SHOUP, whose loss will be felt beyond his own Jurisdiction.

One of the Grand Master's recommendations we cannot support: that the proceedings of Grand Lodge be no longer recorded in a record book, the idea being that the published Proceedings are sufficient.

We know that there are matters which *should not* be printed and published wide-cast, such as reports of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, all of which *should* be duly recorded in a regular minute book.

In the very full report of Grand Secretary RANDALL, he mentions among the donations to the Grand Lodge Library, Vol. IX of the reprint of the Minutes of our Grand Lodge.

Number of Lodges, 35, a loss of two; initiated, 155; total membership, 2056, a gain of 102. Receipts, including

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balance of \$7,035.91, were \$18,150.46; disbursements, \$11,102.87; balance, \$7,047.59.

All Masonic communication with the Grand Lodge of New York and its constituent Lodges and members was severed until such time as that Grand Lodge, through its proper officers, makes satisfactory explanation of the action of a New York Lodge in invading the Jurisdiction of Idaho. We are at a loss to understand why our Brethren of New York are apparently so unfraternal.

The Grand Lodge of Idaho, after discussion, decided that where a Brother objects in open Lodge to the initiation of a petitioner, the Secretary must record, properly enough, the fact of the objection; and also, which we think a great mistake, the name of the Brother objecting. This is the sort of thing that tends to keep alive ill-feeling and animosity. The objection should have the effect of a black ball—no less and *no more*.

The signet ring was duly transmitted to the incoming Grand Master, whose portrait properly forms the frontispiece.

The Chairman, Brother GEORGE E. KNEPPER, presents his fourth report on Fraternal Correspondence, full, interesting and abounding in excellent quotations and comments, happily blended.

We are glad to find that our Brother has had, as has this writer, the honor of belonging to that distinguished profession which deserves so well of the State—the school-master.

Our Brother wisely says, “If Masonry is a *religion* we have not yet discovered the fact.” Under District of Columbia, we may say to our Brother that we do not think it right to yield a *principle* for “a matter of great convenience and brotherly courtesy.”

Under Indian Territory, Brother KNEPPER says: “The negroes should not have admitted the white men as their associates and brothers. That was a serious mistake.” We

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wonder what our Brother will say when he is told that when the present Bishop of New York, Past Grand Chaplain Brother HENRY C. POTTER, took upon himself the obligation of an Entered Apprentice in a Massachusetts Lodge, a colored man was obligated at the same time.

Brother KNEPPER, never having been in profound sympathy with the system of Grand Representatives, thinks still less of it as he notices its practical workings.

The following, under Wyoming, is sound (except we do not like *Order*):

“The Grand Master was kept busy granting dispensations to confer degrees without waiting the statutory period. If your By-Laws are wrong, change them; if they are right, live up to them. Get out of the business of ‘railroading’ candidates through the three degrees. The writer is prepared to maintain beyond successful contradiction that there are too many Masons (?) in the Northwest. If securing the degrees costs time and money they will be all the more appreciated. Our brethren must become more intelligent as Masons—intelligent in the work and symbolism of the Order.”

Pennsylvania is reviewed for 1903 and 1904, it being explained that while the 1903 book last year reached Grand Secretary RANDALL all right, it in some mysterious manner disappeared. In considering 1903, our Brother says that Grand Master TENNIS’S address was “a gem,” and that Grand Master BROWN, after his installation, “delivered a short address filled with Masonic wisdom, which shows him to be a man well worthy to follow in the footsteps of his illustrious predecessor.”

In his review Brother KNEPPER summarizes very well our various Communications. Our report received courteous commendation, but our Brother remarks that what we say of him “doesn’t count.” We should like to know why not!

ILLINOIS.

Most Worshipful Brother JEREMIAH W. ROBINSON, of Boise, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother THEOPHILUS W. RANDALL, of Boise, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

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THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois began its Sixty-sixth Annual Grand Communication at Medinah Temple, in the City of Chicago, on Tuesday, October 3, A.D. 1905, and closed two days later.

Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM B. WRIGHT, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master is an excellent paper. The services of the Craft in laying corner-stones, it appears, were in demand, no less than 19 being so laid, the Grand Master in person laying four. In previous years the Grand Master had laid corner-stones on Sunday, but, Past Grand Master COOK having protested that it was work, and should not be done on Sunday, the Grand Master took the advice of the Committee on Jurisprudence, and, a majority being opposed, he very properly desisted from such labor on Sunday.

Noting the item in the Grand Secretary's account of "Rent, Studebaker Hall, \$450," we wonder when this great Jurisdiction will have a Masonic Hall or Temple of its own, such that its Annual Communications can be held in it.

Since Grand Lodge last met, the Illinois Masonic Home at Sullivan has been completed, furnished and occupied, and the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home at Chicago, which for twenty years had done such excellent service under the auspices of individual Masons, came under the control and authority of the Grand Lodge. The Home at Sullivan was intended for both children and aged and indigent Masons,

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their wives and widows; but it soon became evident that all the space available would be required for the old people, so that most of the children were sent to the Home at Chicago, where there is sufficient room for them. We are glad to see pictures of both Homes, which are a credit to our Illinois Brethren.

The cost of the Chicago Home, taking 80 as the average number of inmates, was \$3.20 per week, while at the Sullivan Home, the number being 40, the cost per week was \$3.17.

In the report of the Committee on Obituaries we find the following:

“CHARLES M. SWAIN, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, died July 23, 1904. He was only fifty-four years old when he died. His Masonic work was good work, true work, worthy of a place in the everlasting temple.”

The Grand Orator, Brother HERBERT PRESTON, took for his subject “Freemasonry.”

The officers of the Grand Lodge must have appeared very well in their new clothing and jewels, provided at a cost of \$500.00.

Number of Lodges, 738, a gain of six; initiated, 6019; total membership, 74,741, a gain of 3861. Receipts, including balance of \$33,093.47, were \$77,767.67; disbursements, \$32,892.82; balance, \$44,874.85. Amount contributed by the Lodges to charity, \$35,750. \$15,000 was given to the Illinois Masonic Orphans' Home and \$12,000 to the Illinois Masonic Home.

In a special report from the Committee on Correspondence, Past Grand Master ROBBINS on the matter of the application for recognition of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico said:

“No action by the Grand Lodge on this request is deemed necessary by your committee; if it is the same body organized at Mayaguez in 1885, its claims to recognition were long since formally passed upon by this Grand Body; if upon the alleged reorganization of April 22, 1900, at San Juan, a new body was created, no evidence has been received to show that the new creation sufficiently approached the character of a Masonic governing body to warrant us in dignifying its claim for recognition by a formal denial.”

The same Brother recommended the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland. His report was adopted.

During the sessions of Grand Lodge, word was received of the death of Right Worshipful Past Deputy Grand Master Brother JOHN C. BAKER, and a memorial page was set apart for him in the Proceedings of Grand Lodge.

It was recommended that constituent Lodges celebrate January 17, the anniversary of the birthday of FRANKLIN, “whose renown as a patriot, a statesman, a philosopher, a philanthropist and a Freemason is world-wide.”

We were glad to find the first name of the incoming Grand Master in one place. We presume that initials are not sufficient for an applicant to give in his application, and we think Grand Secretary DILL would do very well to give the first *name*, not initial, (or where it is used, the second name) in addition to the surname.

The very substantial Proceedings give the portrait of the retiring Grand Master as a frontispiece, and in addition portraits of the following Most Worshipful Brothers: DEWITT C. CREGIER, Grand Master 1870-1871; JAMES A. HAWLEY, Grand Master 1872-1873; HENRY P. H. BROMWELL, Grand Master 1865; HARMON G. REYNOLDS, Grand Master 1868-1869; JEROME R. GORIN, Grand Master 1866-1867.

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mittee, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother Doctor JOSEPH ROBBINS, whose work is always one of *the* reports of the year.

Under the District of Columbia, referring to the correspondence between Grand Master WETMORE and our Grand Master BROWN, Brother ROBBINS says:

“Grand Master WETMORE argues his side of the question with great skill and ability, but the process of the suns will demonstrate the unwisdom of the grand lodge in again opening question which, as a result of its former experience, it has permitted to slumber for some years. The other grand lodges of this country persisted with substantial unanimity in regarding as sojourners this class of candidates which Brother WETMORE calls residents in a Masonic sense, and there are no indications that they will not continue to do so.”

Our Brother is in general agreement with this writer in the following, under Georgia:

“The journal of the grand lodge closes with the following statement, under seal and properly attested:

“All the business of this session having been attended to, the grand lodge was closed in due and ample form, and with prayer by the grand chaplain.

“This is possibly more euphonious than if the words ‘due and’ were stricken out, but less correct. When the grand lodge is closed by the grand master it is said to be closed in ‘ample form;’ when closed by any one else, the proper term is ‘due form.’ The use of both is a contradiction in terms.”

In Pennsylvania, the Grand Lodge is closed *in due form* by the Deputy Grand Master, and *in form* by either of the Grand Wardens or other Brother.

Pennsylvania for 1904 is ably reviewed and numerous extracts given from the Proceedings. It is well at times for

us to see ourselves as others see us, and to this end we quote his comments upon a number of decisions by Grand Master BROWN:

“Many decisions are reported, all very clearly stated. Such as we selected because of their general application, or because they reflect peculiarities of Pennsylvania law, we number for convenience, should we desire to refer to them:

‘1. It is unmasonic to use the funds of a Lodge for the payment of the expenses of a banquet when others than Masons are present. Only Masons can be present at a Lodge banquet.

‘2. A man with more than five toes on one foot and a man with two thumbs on one hand is physically disqualified.

‘3. All correspondence relating to Masonic subjects affecting other Jurisdictions must be conducted by the respective Grand Masters, and not by officers of Subordinate Lodges.

‘4. A Lodge cannot hold a ‘Fair,’ or any other affair, for the purpose of raising funds for any object. The use of Masonic signs or emblems for business purposes, or trading upon Freemasonry in any way, is prohibited.

‘5. A Lodge cannot contribute of its funds for the furnishing of a room in a hospital. The Lodge name, Lodge room, or Lodge funds cannot be used for any but Masonic purposes.

‘6. Refused to allow the use of a Lodge room or any part of it for the meetings of the Order of the Eastern Star. That organization is not recognized in this Jurisdiction.

‘7. No Brother can be advanced save in the Lodge of which he is a member.

‘8. There is no such service as a Lodge of Sorrow in Freemasonry in this Jurisdiction.

‘9. It is not within the power of the Grand Master to set aside a rejection by ballot, unless it has been done contrary to law.

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‘ 10. A petitioner must be twenty-one years of age at the time his petition is presented to a Lodge.

‘ 11. No Dispensation can be granted whereby one who is under our laws physically disqualified can be made a Mason.

‘ 12. Freemasonry does not proselyte. Those who desire its privileges must seek them of their own free will and accord, and must accept and obey, without condition or reservation, all of its Ancient Usages, Customs, and Landmarks.

‘ 13. Declined to grant permission to a Past Master to open and conduct the business of a Lodge when the Master and Wardens desired to absent themselves from a stated meeting in order to attend a conclave of the Grand Commandery.

‘ 14. The Worshipful Master may appoint a member of a Committee of Inquiry to fill a vacancy caused by one who refuses or fails to serve and report in a reasonable time, but he may not make such substitution *merely* to expedite the advancement of a petitioner and for immediate report. The report must lie over until the next stated meeting of the Lodge.

‘ 15. In this Jurisdiction the law is that where a man votes, that establishes his residence.

‘ 16. There are no funeral services for deceased Master Masons excepting those contained in the Ahiman Rezon.

‘ 17. Directed a Lodge not to adopt a resolution offered by which the members would be compelled to pay the dues in advance. Such a resolution is unlawful.’

“ Number 1 illustrates the general strictness of the Pennsylvania regulations in enforcing a sharp line of demarcation between Masonry and those on the outside, no matter how near they may be to Masons by kinship or by social ties; No. 2 the rigidity of physical requirements in that jurisdiction. The substance of No. 3 we have had a frequent occasion to refer to in recent years as being in our judgment

an unwarrantable interference with the natural right of any regular lodge to correspond with any other regular lodge no matter where located, and moreover unwise as embodying a degree of repression not beneficial to the craft. The last part of No. 4 is for all reasons to be commended; but if it is held to include the principle upon which the first sentence is based, we think it has been unduly stretched. With No. 5 we think we pretty completely disagree; we certainly do if by 'masonic purposes' is meant only that which is labeled 'masonic.' Regarding No. 6, in view of the revolutionary influence of the Order of the Eastern Star upon Masonry, we find ourselves every year more firmly convinced of the wisdom of our Pennsylvania brethren in its attitude towards it. We see no fairly reasonable excuse for forbidding work by courtesy, as is done by No. 7. No. 8 ought to be as true in every other jurisdiction as it is in Pennsylvania; the 'lodge of sorrow' has nothing in common with the simplicity of Ancient Craft Masonry. Nos. 9 and 11 emphasize a point which is more prone to be overlooked in this connection than in any other, that when the dispensing power confronts a landmark the former ceases to exist. No. 10 is in accord with Illinois law, and No. 12 with the immemorial prescriptions of the unwritten law, universally admitted and perhaps most often violated. The purpose of No. 13 is commendable. Having italicized a single word in No. 14, its first statement meets our views. We think it would be within a reasonable discretion of the master, who knows the material of his committee, to decide whether the object for which the committee is appointed, requires it to lie over. No. 15 states the general and always safe rule for the guidance of lodges.

"We take a single specimen from his collection of edicts setting aside the action of lodges for various causes, some trivial in themselves, some otherwise, but all taking on a uniformly heinous color as amounting to *lese majesty* towards Ahiman Rezon:

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“ ‘Set aside the action of Lodge No. 325 as unlawful, and therefore null and void and of not effect, Passing to the Chair one who had not been a Master Mason for six months, as per our law.’

“ Six months! Why, bless you, we have seen Masons of half that age who wore a double-headed eagle as a watch charm, the claws and scimeter as a lapel decoration, a combined keystone mark, triangle and cross for a vest ornament, complacently looking down from the dizzy height of 32 degrees, or the minaret of the Shrine, upon the poor Jerry Jackson Jasons of the common herd.”

We may say that our dear Brother ROBBINS has always held our Ahiman Rezon in great awe.

Brother ROBBINS says, further:

“ Of the sixteen Grand Chaplains appointed nine are of Philadelphia, only two of Pittsburg, and none of the capital city! But they best know their own needs.”

Our report meets with approval, two citations being made therefrom, and apologies being made for a slip whereby the name of another, “ through some unaccountable aphasia,” was substituted for ours.

Most Worshipful Brother CHESTER E. ALLEN, of Galesburg, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother J. (?) H. C. DILL, of Bloomington, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

INDIAN TERRITORY—1905.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Indian Territory began its Thirty-second Annual Communication at Tulsa, Creek Nation, on Tuesday, August 8, A.D. 1905, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother WILSON OTHO BRUTON, Grand Master.

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Most Worshipful Brothers GEORGE H. PHILLIPS, Grand Master, and WILLIAM L. EAGLETON, Past Grand Master, of Oklahoma, were welcome visitors.

The Grand Master reports the year as "among, if not the most prosperous and active years in the history of Freemasonry in the Territory. He granted no less than 18 dispensations for new Lodges, so that Grand Secretary MURROW suggests that there is no danger of Masonic Lodge suicide in the Indian Territory.

The completion of the fund of \$50,000 for an Orphan Home, raised through the indefatigable industry and perseverance of Most Worshipful Brother HENRY M. FURMAN, was a very just cause of congratulation. The Brethren of the Indian Territory have done nobly.

As a token of love and affection, and in appreciation of his labor and great success, \$1500 was donated to Brother FURMAN, who had devoted, to his personal business detriment, much of his valuable time in raising the Orphans' Home Fund. Now that the Fund is raised, a committee of five is to investigate and recommend what sort of a home shall be established. The report of Past Grand Master FURMAN is very interesting reading.

The Grand Master favored requiring from every unvouchered-for visitor a certificate under seal, showing him to be in good standing, or a receipt for dues, either to be dated within one year; but the Committee on Law and Usage, recommended the disapproval of an edict of the Grand Master on the lines just mentioned, and Grand Lodge approved the Committee's recommendation.

It is a matter of interest that the Grand Master is a native-born Cherokee Indian; his portrait forms the frontispiece.

The recognition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico was deferred, likewise that of Costa Rica.

The following is not without humor:

"Last year there were two Custodians of the Work elected

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in the place of Brother McBride, who had been elected Grand Senior Warden, and Brother J. W. F. Parker, who resigned. Mention of these elections was omitted in the Proceedings of last year. Why, or how, the Grand Secretary does not know. He does know that they ought not to have been omitted, and that he is to blame for the omission. He certainly did not mean to omit this election.

“Now it comes up that Brother James W. Boozman and D. H. Linebaugh each claim that it was their term of service that expired at this meeting. As Brother Linebaugh was elected by name last night, it will be settled that Brother Linebaugh has three years to serve, Brother Boozman two years, and Brother Swink one more year.

“And now that the old man has decided this matter, let the boys submit.”

The new Committee reported that it had dispensed \$110, and recommended that the fund be kept at \$500. A collection amounting to \$35 was taken up for the Murrow Indian Orphans' Home.

Number of Lodges, including 1 under dispensation, 158, a gain of 6; initiated, 942; total membership, 6363, a gain of 554. Receipts, including balance of \$8,229.07, were \$17,418.07; disbursements, \$8,272.34; balance, \$9,145.73.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Committee, Most Worshipful Brother THOMAS C. HUMPHRY, one of the United States Judges for the Indian Territory; and the one fact that stands out before all others is that the Brother is one of the “e-less” Humphrys: we regret that we, with numerous others, have to plead guilty to inserting an “e” before the final “y.”

Under Indiana, our Brother says:

“When we approach the name of this State our mental vision sees many of the celebrities of our country. Indian Territory looks to Indiana for statehood. If the query,

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‘Where will our next President hail from?’ be propounded, all eyes will focus on Indiana. A great many Indiana people live in the Indian Territory. In fact, we all claim kin to Indiana. The question is often heard, ‘Do you know Beveridge?’ ‘Are you acquainted with Fairbanks?’ ‘Are you from Hemenway’s country?’ ‘How is my old friend, Crumpack?’

“However, we put on our apron and begin our review of the Masonic Proceedings of the M. W. Grand Lodge.”

Under North Dakota, Brother HUMPHRY makes a slip in referring to the address of our Brother the PRESIDENT of the United States, on Masonry and Citizenship, at our Washington celebration, in 1902, our Brother stating it was the anniversary of the *raising* that was celebrated. GEORGE WASHINGTON was *initiated* on November 4, 1752, but as election day fell on the exact 150th anniversary of his initiation, our celebration was held on the 5th of November.

Four pages give an excellent summary of our doings in 1904. “The Grand Master’s address is a clear and concise résumé of his official acts and the work of the Jurisdiction during the year.”

Most Worshipful Brother RICHARD WILLISON CHOATE, of Haileyville, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JOSEPH SAMUEL MURROW, of Atoka, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

INDIANA—1905.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Indiana began its Eighty-fourth Annual “Meeting” in Grand Lodge Hall, in the City of Indianapolis, on Tuesday, May 23, A.D. 1905, being the eighty-eighth year of the Grand Lodge, and closed the following day.

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Most Worshipful Brother GEORGE E. GRIMES, Grand Master.

Of the nineteen living Past Grand Masters, fifteen were in attendance. The annual address of the Grand Master shows a busy year. He wisely declined to lay with Masonic ceremonies the corner-stone of a water-works building belonging to a private corporation. In accord with the action taken last year, the Grand Master appointed a "Grand Inspector," and the plan seems to have worked well. The Grand Master thinks that in the matter of establishing a Masonic Home, it would be well to make haste slowly, which is quite right; he pays a strong tribute of regard to his efficient Grand Secretary, Brother PRATHER.

Number of Lodges, 523, a gain of 8; initiated, 3360; total membership, 42,627, a gain of 2,428. Receipts, including balance of \$22,279.66, were \$45,647.98; disbursements, \$21,083.70; balance, \$24,564.28.

We note with much pleasure the passage of a resolution authorizing the Grand Secretary, in printing the Proceedings, to eliminate all matter contained in the various reports, which from its character should not go into print.

But one decision of the Grand Master did not receive the approval of the Committee on Jurisprudence, namely, that it was lawful for a Lodge to donate a sum of money for the purpose of putting a window in a church, the window to have in it the name and number of the Lodge and a few Masonic emblems; and Grand Lodge agreed with the Committee.

A Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Grand Master by the Senior Deacon Brother CHARLES N. MIKELS, in a speech of more than usual beauty.

The portrait of the incoming Grand Master appropriately forms the frontispiece.

"The Annual Review of the Proceedings of the Masonic Grand Lodge of America and Foreign Jurisdictions," was

“prepared for the Masonic Grand Lodge of Indiana” by Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother “DANIEL McDONALD, reviewer,” and, although the outward surroundings may have been as delightful this year as last, an attack of “la grippe,” seriously impeded his work.

Our Brother writes in an entertaining manner, and with vigor.

Under British Columbia, we quote :

“We do not believe it is good Masonic practice to authorize Lodges as such to attend Divine services, for the reason that all Divine services now-a-days are conducted by those belonging to some sect or creed, while Masonry has within its folds the Mohammedan, the pagan, the Jew and the Christian. It dictates no modes of faith, and interferes with no man’s views on the subject of religion, and permits him to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. There can be no objection to members of Lodges attending Divine services in their individual capacity, but it surely destroys the “universality of Masonry” to grant dispensations to Lodges, as such, and in regalia, to attend Divine services.”

One can have no doubt as to our Brother’s views on the following subject of making Masons at sight, after reading the following, under New Jersey :

“There may have been a time away back so far in the past that the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, that it might have been admissable for a Grand Master to make Masons ‘at sight,’ as was done by the Grand Master of New Jersey as above stated, but the necessity for such action does not now exist. These candidates were in the Jurisdiction of the Lodges in Trenton where, if they were worthy and well qualified, they could have received the degrees in the regular way as provided by Masonic law and usage. The Masonic law of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey provides how Masons

shall be made in that Jurisdiction and there is no constitutional or lawful provision authorizing the Grand Master to take the action as stated by him in the above extract. The brethren upon whom the Grand Master conferred this 'great honor' were clandestinely made, are not members of any Lodge, and will probably be blacked-balled should they make application for membership in the Lodges in whose Jurisdiction they reside; at least we are quite sure that such would be the case in the Lodge to which we belong. The 'prerogative' is an assumption and its exercise is dangerous to the peace and harmony of the Craft, and should be prohibited by constitutional enactment."

We do not agree with Brother "DAN."

The following, under North Dakota, as to the "American flag craze," is well put:

"We have never thought it necessary for the universal Masonic fraternity to label its patriotism. All the teachings of Masonry require its adherents to be true to the government of the country in which they live. An English Mason belonging to a Lodge in this country must be subject while here to the laws under which he lives, but it is not necessary to continually remind him of it by flaunting the American flag before his eyes."

Brother McDONALD makes the point that a committee having been appointed to make a report, it should not be required to "beg leave to report." A number of interesting poems are preserved at the close of the report.

Pennsylvania for 1904 receives nearly four pages of excellent review, quotations being made from Grand Master BROWN's address, the only criticism (which is not very serious) being as follows:

“He issued an edict directing that the use of vocal and instrumental music should cease in the Lodges during the work of the degrees.

“We are inclined to think that this edict is arbitrary and unnecessary. Music is taught as one of the ‘Liberal Arts and Sciences’ in the second degree, and to ‘edict’ that, that most beautiful of all sciences shall not be used after being taught is to accord to the Grand Master an insight into the harm that may result to Masonry by the use of music not accorded to the ordinary Master Mason.”

Our report is “a pretentious volume of 238 pages.” We are glad our Brother quoted what we had to say last year upon his having “swallowed dear Brother NICKERSON’S hook, line, sinker and pole,” on the subject of the senior Jurisdiction in this country.

Most Worshipful Brother ALFRED W. EMERY, of Evansville, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother CALVIN W. PRATHER, of Indianapolis, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

IOWA—1905.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Iowa, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, began its Sixty-second Annual Communication in Davenport, in the Turner Grand Opera House, on Tuesday, June 6, A.D. 1905, and closed two days later.

Most Worshipful Brother SUMNER MILLER, Grand Master.

Grand Secretary PARVIN keeps the Proceedings of his Grand Lodge up to the standard of beauty which his lamented father set for himself.

In accord with Iowa usage, the Grand Lodge officers were escorted in procession to the place of meeting, where some public exercises of an interesting nature were held, among which was the presentation to the Grand Master of a certi-

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fied check to his order for the use of the Grand Lodge for “\$45,000, in good will of the City of Davenport’s forty-five thousand people,” it being certified by certain officials of the city, “that the above check is good at any bank in the City of Davenport, payable in the property therein described.”

The address of the Grand Master, whose engraved portrait forms the frontispiece, and who was born in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, is a well prepared paper. He reported that three Past Grand Masters could no longer meet with their Brethren on earth: Most Worshipful Brothers JOHN W. McCLANAHAN, GEORGE B. VAN SAUN and ALMON R. DEWEY. We have cuts of these lamented Brethren and of the late Grand Secretaries VINCIL of Missouri, TODD of Louisiana, and WHITTEMORE of Colorado.

We cordially endorse the following from Brother MILLER’s exordium, though we prefer “Fraternity” to “Order:”

“If I have a single admonition, it is care in selecting material that is admitted to our Order. We are judged and our usefulness maintained largely by the deportment of our members; we are regarded with an eye of stern and unrelenting criticism. If a Mason proves unworthy, his dereliction is cast as an imputation upon our Order.”

Doubtless the Grand Lodge officers looked very well in their new aprons.

Grand Secretary PARVIN’s reports as Grand Secretary and as Librarian, are in their usual excellent form. We are glad to hear of the Library’s prosperity.

Greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

According to the recommendation of the Committee on Correspondence, Porto Rico was recognized, Western Australia (of which JOHN W. SMYTHE is Grand Secretary) was refused, and Queensland deferred.

Action upon a special report from the same Committee recommending the withdrawal of the edict of non-intercourse with the Masons of France by the Grand Lodge be withdrawn so far as it applies to the *Grand Lodge* of France, was deferred until next year.

The newly appointed Grand Historian, the scholarly Committee on Correspondence, Brother JOSEPH E. MORCOMBE, presented his first report, which is full of interest.

In a long "resolution of thanks" proposed by the Grand Chaplain, which was adopted by a rising vote, is the following:

"To the press of this city, which has shown remarkable enterprise in printing the pictures of some of the handsome Brethren of this body, and in publishing so much of our proceedings as they could gain knowledge of, and supplying deficiencies in knowledge by a vivid imagination."

We are amused to see in what different forms our highly esteemed friend and Brother, Doctor COXE, appears in the Proceedings this year. The first day he is "Rev. Bro. Dr. J. C. W. COXE (26), the Grand Chaplain;" the second day we find: "The Grand Chaplain, Right Worshipful Brother J. C. W. COXE (26);" the third morning he is "Grand Chaplain Rev. J. C. W. COXE (26);" and last of all he is "Brother J. C. W. COXE (26), Grand Chaplain." There is variety for you.

We have small portraits of the incoming Grand Master, the Grand Wardens and the Grand Treasurer, together with very interesting sketches of their lives; but we fail to see why there should be omitted the poor Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother JOHN C. CROCKETT, just because, at least we presume that is the reason, he is the *appointee* (as the Deputy Grand Master originally was) of the Grand Master!

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Number of Lodges, 505, a loss of two; initiated 2,146; total membership, 35,729, a gain of 1146. Receipts, including balance of \$32,011.49, were \$62,818.07; disbursements \$30,357.92, balance \$32,460.15.

The report on Fraternal Correspondence is again from the interesting pen of the Committee, Brother JOSEPH E. MORCOMBE, who gives well selected quotations and appropriate comment. We desire to express our sympathy with our Brother in the sorrow that came into his household.

We are in accord with Brother MORCOMBE in the following, under Missouri:

“ We have never yet heard that those who are for physical soundness are content with lower mental qualifications than the advocates of cripple eligibility. This is setting up a man of straw to knock down again. And the changes have about all been rung on that old joke of wooden heads vs. wooden legs. In a fraternity which can choose from the best, whose most ancient ordinances prescribe that a candidate ‘ must be without blemish and have the full and proper use of his limbs,’ it seems absurd and needless to invite those who are physically deficient. The cripple advocates harp upon ‘ the perfect youth.’ It is true that very few of us could pass muster as sculptor’s models, but at least a man who comes within the walls of a Masonic lodge ‘ duly and truly prepared,’ should have two legs of his own upon which to stand, and two arms and hands for the purposes of his work. Otherwise our ceremonies are mockery and meaningless.”

Pennsylvania for 1904 is fully summarized, Grand Master BROWN’s address coming in for commendation. After quoting that Brother’s words upon the introduction of music during the ceremonies, Brother MORCOMBE says:

“ We heartily endorse the idea that nothing can add real effectiveness and solemnity to the work which attempts by

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display to improve upon its old simplicity. All else is a distraction, and the Masonic teachings are lost sight of in following actors and novel effects.

“In most of these matters we are in accord with this distinguished Brother. If all other jurisdictions were as consistent, as unyielding and as exclusive, the fraternity would rank higher in opinion of those within and without its membership.”

Our report is “in keeping with the other good things of this volume;” and, after quoting some of the things we had to say about Iowa, our Brother adds: “In fact, we can only find one point of disagreement, and that is upon Masonic use of a flag.”

Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM HENRY NORRIS, of Manchester, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother NEWTON R. PARVIN, of Grand Rapids, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

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The Annual Report of the Grand Lodge of Ireland has failed to reach us this year. The only thing that has been received is a circular stating that the Grand Lodge on October 5, adopted the following resolutions which had been adopted at a conference held in London on June 29, 1905, between Delegates from the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland and Scotland:

“1. The three Grand Lodges agree that any Member of the Order who may be suspended or expelled in one jurisdiction shall not, while so disqualified, be permitted to visit or join any Lodge under the jurisdiction of the others: and each Grand Lodge shall cause notice of all decrees of suspension or expulsion to be sent to the other Grand

Lodges. And in case of such decrees being made abroad, the District or Provincial Authorities acting, shall also notify the neighboring District or Provincial authorities of all three jurisdictions.

“2. In each of the three jurisdictions, a duly installed Master under either of the other Constitutions shall, if not otherwise disqualified, be entitled to be present at a Board (*i.e.*, Conclave) of Installed Masters and to form one of the quorum; but not to preside therein or to instal a Master, unless requested to do so by the Board (*i.e.*, Conclave). Nor can a Visiting Master or Past Master of another Constitution preside in the Lodge he is visiting. In case there is not present a Master or Past Master duly qualified under the home jurisdiction, then and then only the Officer in charge of the Lodge may request a Master or Past Master under one of the other two Constitutions to perform any ceremony which the Warden is not competent to perform. This agreement is not to interfere with the right of the Worshipful Master of a Lodge to invite a Member of the Lodge or a visiting Master or Past Master of any of the three Constitutions to perform any ceremony without assuming the chair.

“3. The question of recognizing a new Grand Lodge in any Colony or other territory in which the three Grand Lodges have equal jurisdiction and have Warranted Lodges working therein, shall not be taken into consideration unless at least two-thirds of the Lodges under each jurisdiction have signified their adhesion to such new body; and such recognition shall only be granted by agreement of the three Grand Lodges. After the recognition of such new Grand Lodge as a sovereign body, the respective authorities of the three Grand Lodges will surrender their rights to warrant new Lodges within the jurisdiction of the new body, provided always that the rights of Lodges not adhering to the new body shall be fully safeguarded.”

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THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Kansas began its Forty-ninth Annual Communication in Toler Auditorium, in the City of Wichita, on Wednesday, February 15, A.D. 1905, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother THOMAS G. FITCH, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master shows a zealous officer. The year was the most prosperous in the history of the Grand Lodge. Death has claimed two Past Grand Masters, Most Worshipful Brothers JOSEPH D. McCLEVERTY and JACOB D. RUSH. The Grand Master reports that the new District Deputy Grand Master system is a success.

It is the custom in this Jurisdiction to celebrate St. John the Baptist's Day, June 24, and the Grand Master took part in the celebration at the Kansas Masonic Home, at Wichita. The Home, as the result of recent legislation, is under the absolute control of the Grand Lodge. It seems odd that there should have been no provision made before this for the payment of the expenses of the Grand Secretary while attending the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Number of Lodges, 373, a gain of four; initiated, 2097; total membership, 25,986, a gain of 1244. Receipts, including balance of \$23,233.48, were \$52,195.42; disbursements, \$24,190.79; balance \$28,004.63.

The subject of the annual oration, which was delivered by Brother FRED WASHBON, was "Masonry."

A Past Grand Master's jewel was presented on behalf of the Brethren of Wichita and other personal friends to the retiring Grand Master, whose portrait forms the frontispiece. We have portraits of Past Grand Masters RUSH and McCLEVERTY, and of Past Grand Secretaries MUNDEE and CARR, and with them are given biographical sketches of these distinguished Brethren.

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A much needed building for the accommodation of the property of the Grand Lodge, including its Library, is to be provided in Topeka.

It is bad enough to adopt a cipher, but it is making matters worse when changes are made in the ritual to such an extent as appears by a resolution adopted to the effect that the changes offered by a special committee at the last Annual Communication "changed the ritual and destroyed the identity of the Webb work.

In his fourth report on Correspondence by Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother WILLIAM M. SHAVER, Chairman of the Committee, that Brother defends the principle of a cipher, but is strong in his feeling as to the changes, referred to above, made in the old work of the Jurisdiction.

Our Brother says:

"We do not consider it a violation of a Mason's obligation, because the prohibition of the making of an intelligible writing is qualified by the expression of the possibility that thus the secrets should be 'unlawfully obtained.' In a properly constructed and properly safeguarded official cipher this possibility is practically *nil*.

"Our own opinion relative to ciphers has been given in previous reports, viz: that they are an evil, but their use has become so universal and universally demanded as an aid to the memory in this age of strenuosity that it is better officially to control the evil in its least objectionable form by safeguarding an official cipher—thus removing from the Craft the temptation surreptitiously to use the dangerous and incorrect phonetic ciphers of commerce."

We disagree totally. In our opinion there can be no such thing as "*a properly constructed and properly safeguarded*" cipher, and we do not believe that the use of ciphers has "become so universal and so universally demanded," "that it is better to control the evil," etc. The evil is successfully

controlled in Pennsylvania; and it can be successfully controlled in Kansas, if it is properly dealt with.

Brother SHAVER's report is in his usual excellent form, his selection of interesting and informing extracts being well done; and in spite of his efforts to keep his report "down," which seems to have been demanded by some, he gives us over 250 pages, in which are interspersed fitting comment. He is, with us, opposed to laying corner-stones on Sunday, and to the use of "costumes and accessories" in conferring the first three degrees, and believes with us that Freemasonry is not a religion, nor does it make any such pretense."

We agree with him, under Missouri:

"We maintain that in Kansas we have jurisdiction for discipline over every Mason resident within our bounds, whether he be affiliate or non-affiliate and without regard to the place of his affiliation. No Mason can demean himself in Kansas so as to bring reproach and disgrace upon the Masonic fraternity and claim exemption from punishment on the plea that he is affiliated in another Jurisdiction and not subject to our laws."

Six pages are given to Pennsylvania for 1903. Grand Master TENNIS's valedictory address was "an admirable document," and Grand Master BROWN's inaugural "was short and had the regular Pennsylvania ring." After making a lengthy quotation from it, Brother SHAVER adds: "That is purely Pennsylvanian, but somehow we like it. We wish some of our Kansas Masons had a little of it."

We thank our Brother for his kind words as to our succession to Past Grand Master ARNOLD and our report.

Most Worshipful Brother SAMUEL R. PETERS, of Newton, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother ALBERT K. WILSON, of Topeka, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

KENTUCKY—1905.

THE Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons, began its One Hundred and Fifth Annual Communication in "The Masonic" (Temple) in the City of Louisville, on Tuesday, October 17, A.D. 1905, and closed two days later.

Most Worshipful Brother ROLAND H. C. RHEA, Grand Master.

Of the 22 living Past Grand Masters, all but three were present, and among those present we are glad to note Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother W. LARUE THOMAS, who is a resident of our Jurisdiction. The address of the Grand Master shows a firm, vigilant and vigorous official. He announced the death of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother JAMES D. LANDRUM, and a fitting tribute was paid to his memory by the Committee on Necrology, a page being inscribed to his memory. We venture to think that the picture of the Brother is hardly worthy of his Grand Lodge, and the portrait of the retiring Grand Master, who received a Past Grand Master's jewel, is none too good. He granted nine dispensations for new Lodges, and we are surprised to have him say that "each Lodge has been required to pledge that for two years its representative would not draw more as mileage and per diem than his Lodge pays dues, and would procure a complete set of books." We should think that the Grand Lodge would prescribe what a Lodge should do, pledge or no pledge.

The Masons of Kentucky have no use for those who give comfort to him who breaks the marriage tie, and sustained their Grand Master in arresting the charter of a Lodge which had found a member "not guilty," by a vote of ten to five, after the member had pleaded "guilty" to a charge of adultery.

The Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home being upon a

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firm basis, the Grand Master recommended the Old Masonic Home at Shelbyville, to the Brethren's care.

It is pleasant to read our Brother's commendation of Grand Secretary GRANT. Too often we are apt to wait until our faithful Brethren have been removed from amongst us before we give testimony to their worth.

That Brother GRANT is an active Grand Secretary would seem to be evident from the following, taken from the proceedings of the second morning:

"The reading of the minutes of yesterday was, on motion, dispensed with, inasmuch as the same were printed and distributed."

An incident out of the ordinary was the recitation by Past Grand Master GERARD of two of ROBERT MORRIS's poems, "The Apron," and "Our Vows." An entertainment was given on the afternoon of the first day by the children of the Home.

It would seem, if we are to take words in their usual meaning, that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, when it has finished its labors, *adjourns*, though we note that Brother GRANT closes the record with "The Grand Lodge was closed in ample form."

Nothing having been done to repair the damage to the statue of Most Worshipful Brother HENRY CLAY, Past Grand Master of Masons in Kentucky, which stands in the cemetery at Lexington, and which had been injured by lightning in June, 1903, Lexington Lodge, No. 1, brought the matter to the attention of Grand Lodge, and a committee of five was appointed to see the Governor and the Assembly, and endeavor to have the statue properly repaired.

Fraternal greetings were exchanged by telegraph with Ohio.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the "Reporter (also Reviewer) of Foreign Affairs," Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother WILLIAM W. CLARKE, who has again

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become fully at home at the Reportorial table, and has collected with diligence and discretion the interesting and important doings and saying in other Jurisdictions, interweaving with them from time to time, but not extensively, suitable comments.

Under Iowa, our Brother says:

“However objectionable the Scotch law may be—and it is objectionable—the Grand Lodge of Scotland has the unquestioned and unquestionable right and authority to prescribe the qualifications of candidates seeking admission into Masonry through the portals of its lodges, and a Mason so made therein is a Mason, and entitled to all the rights and privileges of a Mason.”

Are we to understand that other Grand Lodges have no rights which must be considered?

Under Louisiana, Brother CLARKE shows the danger of making too sweeping assertion when he demonstrates to Brother DUNCAN that his statement as to the rights of unaffiliated Masons is wrong.

Number of Lodges, 495, a net gain of 9; initiated, 2311; total membership, 26,992, a gain of 1576. Receipts, including balance of \$25,000.41, were \$33,704.84; disbursements, \$15,355.79; balance, \$18,349.05.

Pennsylvania for 1904 receives courteous attention. Grand Master BROWN's address “is a carefully prepared paper dealing in detail with the affairs of his Jurisdiction.” Referring to his remarks about electioneering, Brother CLARKE says:

“The practice, we regret to say, is not confined to one Jurisdiction. We believe that a proper canvassing of the qualifications of those under consideration for election to office is not only not objectionable but is proper, but more than this is reprehensible.”

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Brother CLARK, after quoting some decisions, further says :

“ We regret we can not accord our approval of the following edict. The brother against whom it was directed suffers only the deprivation (without a trial) of visiting a lodge in Pennsylvania. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania proclaims itself of discourtesy to a jurisdiction of equal dignity, putting it in its mildest form :

“ ‘ January 30.—Forbidding Lodge No. 341 and all other lodges from admitting as a visitor and prohibiting the members from having any Masonic intercourse with one who, having been rejected therein, was made a Mason in Kentucky.’ ”

r Brother must understand that no discourtesy was intended to his or any other Jurisdiction; but we cannot accept as Brothers those who have been rejected in our own Jurisdiction (it being shown thereby that a Masonic objection existed), until that objection has been removed.

Our report is kindly spoken of as “valuable.” Brother CLARKE is with us, we are glad to find, in thinking a dispensation by a Kentucky Grand Master to receive more than five candidates at the same meeting in the Entered Apprentice Degree is indefensible. Our Brother is frank in admitting that this writer’s views are correct, that a Mason’s rights are higher than those of an elected (or, as we should say, an approved) candidate.

Most Worshipful Brother JAMES GARNETT, of Columbia, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother H. B. GRANT, of Louisville, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

LOUISIANA—1905.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Louisiana began its Ninety-third Annual Grand Communication in the City of New Orleans, at the Masonic Temple, on Monday, February 6, A.D. 1905, and closed two days later.

Most Worshipful Brother LOUIS P. DALAHOUSSAYE, Grand Master.

After the names of the Past Grand Officers present, we find the names of the Jurisdictions whose Grand Representatives were present, but the names of these distinguished Brethren are not given, which seems odd.

We were surprised and pleased to note the presence of one of our name as Junior Warden of Kentwood Lodge, No. 248.

The Grand Master's address covers his administration, and he thinks that he will go down to posterity as "a Grand Master that never made a decision," the reason being that the Lodges have been "faithful, obedient and loyal." This remark reminded us of what the Grand Master of Kentucky said in his address, that he should probably "go down in Masonic history as the only Grand Master of Kentucky who made no decision which he deemed necessary to report." These are fortunate Brethren.

Very shortly before the Grand Lodge assembled, the Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother E. THOMAS SELLERS was summoned to the Grand Lodge on High; fitting tribute was paid to his memory.

The Grand Master was able to make the very delightful announcement that the "Temple debt" "casts its shadow no more athwart our path." We congratulate the Brethren.

The presence of Most Worshipful Brother HENRY M. FURMAN, Past Grand Master of Masons in the Indian Territory, was a pleasing feature; the Brother was heartily welcomed.

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Number of Lodges, 166, a gain of 7; initiated, 1109; total membership, 8926, a gain of 841. Receipts, including balance of \$1534.43, were \$35,265.64; disbursements, \$33,749.91; balance, \$1,470.73.

From the interesting report of the Committee on Plan of Masonic Relief, we take the following:

“ Pennsylvania.—Has a Masonic Home, incorporated by Masons, and working in harmony with the Grand Lodge. It was originally intended to care for Masons, their widows and orphans, but up to now has only taken in the first named. It has at present 64 inmates, and the cost of maintenance last year was about \$250 per capita. It is supported by contributions from the several Grand Masonic Bodies of Pennsylvania and by individual donations. Pennsylvania is now engaged, through the liberality of Brother William L. Elkins, recently deceased, in erecting a ‘ Home for Masons’ Orphan Girls.’ ”

The Grand Lodge of California having abolished the Grand Representative system, Grand Secretary LAMBERT, becoming “ sarkastical,” offered the following which was adopted:

“ WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of California has found that representatives near its Grand East are in serious danger, and having due regard for the health of him who has so faithfully represented us in the past; therefore be it

“ *Resolved*, That the commission of R. W. Bro. William F. Pierce, our representative near the Grand Lodge of California, be and is hereby withdrawn without prejudice to our fraternal relations with said Grand Lodge.”

In accord with the recommendations of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, the recognition of the Grand Lodge of France was postponed until such time as the Committee

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on Foreign Correspondence shall be able to procure such necessary information as will justify action upon the part of the Grand Lodge; the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Puerto Rico was deferred; and the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland was postponed until such time as the Grand Body shall become more representative than it now is.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is, as usual, by the Chairman, Worshipful and Reverend Brother HERMAN C. DUNCAN, D.D., Grand Chaplain, whose Brethren will be interested in his gleanings. In some cases our Brother confines himself to giving extracts from addresses and reports; in others, he summarizes, and comments with ability.

We learn, under Massachusetts, that Pennsylvania "has innovated," Brother DUNCAN saying that he will not here "catalogue her innovations," but content himself with "noting that her Grand Masters make decisions and she publishes a report on Correspondence." This is truly very dreadful! Last year we quoted our Brother as to a dispensation granted at Cape Town by the Grand Master of the "Grand Lodge of Philadelphia." This year, under Washington, he writes:

"In our last report we had occasion to refer to the intrusion of South Africa on the part of a clandestine Grand Lodge, located in Philadelphia, Pa., and which is composed, we believe, exclusively of men who have negro blood in their veins. Brother Upton demurs to our styling that body clandestine. He says that the members of the first Lodge of negroes in Philadelphia were regular Masons, "made in white Lodges in England and Ireland." This may be readily granted, but if we should do so it would not affect our previous declaration.

"Bro. Upton will not deny the propriety of the maxim, that there should be an end to controversy.

"If there is one thing that is *res judicata* at the bar of American Masonry it is the doctrine of exclusive Grand

Lodge Jurisdiction, and we do not propose to indulge in argument to sustain it. It matters not that concurrent jurisdiction is in the agreed concordat of the Grand Lodges of Great Britain and Ireland in respect to the Colonial possession of the Empire; it matters not that in Germany we find Grand Lodges exercising concurrent jurisdiction in the same State. The American Mason will not have it so in these United States.

“ We must decline to engage in argument on that American doctrine, for our claim that negro Masonry is clandestine does not rest upon it. If Prince Hall’s Lodge in Boston was a legitimate and regular Lodge, and we do not question it at this writing, it does not follow that it was a Grand Lodge or possessed of the power of expansion into a Grand Lodge, nor does it follow that Prince Hall had any authority in Pennsylvania to constitute a Lodge, much less a Grand Lodge, *in embryo*, or full plumed.

“ It so happened that on the very day we opened the package containing the review of Bro. Upton, the mail brought us the Proceedings of a clandestine Grand Lodge, that of the negroes of Arkansas, and it contained a very elaborate plea for their regularity. We would be quite content to argue the case upon the pleas of the negroes themselves. As the basis of their plea, there was printed in that volume a copy of the warrant which Prince Hall, Boston Smith, Thomas Sanderson and others received from the Earl of Effingham, then Acting Grand Master of England, constituting them African Lodge No. 459, on the English Register. This warrant, be it remembered, is what these clandestine bodies style their “original charter,” and constitutes all the Masonic authority which they claim as constituting their regularity and legitimacy. There is not a word in it that constitutes it a Provincial Grand Lodge. There is not a word in it communicating authority to constitute other like bodies. It is a simple Lodge warrant, and absolutely nothing more.

“African Lodge was no more of a Lodge, had no more authority in Masonry, than White Pass Lodge at Skagway, or Gastineaux Lodge, at Douglass, Alaska. If either of those Lodges, or the Masters of them, should attempt to form another Lodge in those places, or elsewhere, such Lodges would be clandestine. Precisely so the prodigy [sic] of African Lodge is clandestine.

“Bro. Upton says that when Prince Hall gave authority to thirteen black men in Philadelphia to form a Lodge, there was not a single white modern Lodge in Pennsylvania. ‘The only white Lodges there were those of the hostile society of antient or schismatic Masons.’ Well, what of it? Did such a situation justify and make the Lodge of Hall legitimate?

“Granted that the ‘Moderns’ of England called the ‘Antients’ ‘a hostile society and schismatics’ in the Eighteenth century, did they not in 1813 receive and acknowledge them, and was not the United Grand Lodge of England from and after the union of that date made up of both ‘Modern’ and ‘Antients?’ If the ‘Antients’ were true Masons in 1813, were they not true Masons before that, for they passed through no process of regeneration previous to that date?

“It is of vital importance that we remember that the character of Masonic government has changed from time to time and that the Mason’s oath binds him to fidelity to the government of the Craft, as it exists at the day and time. There was a time when a Lodge could be born legitimately out of another Lodge, but there came a time when no Lodge could be formed save under warrant of a Grand Master, and thereafter from that moment fealty to the government required the denial of the right to exercise the erstwhile power. It is, therefore, improper to assign a right to a Lodge since the organization of Grand Lodges which it could have exercised had it had existence previous thereto. We must avoid

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anachronisms. We cannot claim for African Lodge in 1797 rights that it might have had if it had existed a hundred years earlier."

Of the four pages given to Pennsylvania for 1903, all but a few lines are given to quotations from Grand Master TENNIS's address.

Our succession to the Chairmanship of the Committee on Correspondence is noted, and we are thanked for some information as to WASHINGTON's initiation, which, as we told the good Brother when we met him, he could have found in the Memorial Volume of our Washington Celebration of 1902, a copy of which he possesses.

Most Worshipful Brother LOUIS P. DELAHOUSSAYE, of New Orleans, Grand Master, re-elected; Right Worshipful Brother RICHARD LAMBERT, of New Orleans, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

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THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Maine began its Eighty-sixth Annual Communication in the Masonic Hall, Portland, on Tuesday, May 2, A.D. 1905, and closed two days later.

Most Worshipful Brother HUGH R. CHAPLIN, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master is an earnest, conservative paper. He reported the death of the Grand Treasurer, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother MARQUIS FAYETTE KING, and of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master HORACE HARMON BURBANK, two most valued and most helpful counselors. This old Grand Lodge has been sorely bereaved of late years. Very appropriate memorials were presented and adopted. The engraved portrait of Brother KING forms the frontispiece.

In explaining his refusal to grant a dispensation to ballot upon a candidate who has not resided in the State a year,

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who had no permanent home in Maine, and who had no intention either to live or not to live in the State, the Grand Master gives as one of the grounds of his refusal his well grounded belief "that no man has an inalienable right to become a Mason, and therefore not to grant the dispensation did not deprive the individual of any right."

Most Worshipful Brother DAVID H. WRIGHT, Grand Master of Wisconsin, was cordially welcomed.

From the report of the Committee on History, we learn that the Maine Lodges are wisely paying attention to the preparation of Lodge histories. We wish that all of our Lodges would do the same.

Number of Lodges, 201, a gain of 1; initiated, 1282; total membership, 25,307, a gain of 696. Receipts, including balance of \$11,586.13, were \$19,612.57; disbursements, \$11,845.15; balance, \$7,767.42.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters are printed in full and are interesting reading.

The report on Correspondence is by the Chairman, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother ALDRO E. CHASE, to whom we are indebted for an advance copy. In this, his third report, our Brother has prepared a very interesting collection of the more noteworthy sayings and the more interesting happenings of the year. Our Brother well sustains himself in controversy. We may say, in passing, that we wish this good Brother *was* opposed to public installations.

Under Michigan, Brother CHASE says:

"Following the report to the Grand Lodge of Iowa, he [the Grand Master] recommended that the ritual be amended so that the height of the pillars shall be eighteen cubits, the chapters five cubits, total twenty-three cubits.

"One of these days, perhaps, every Mason will be a Mason, dressed like the operatives on King Solomon's Temple, and will see, in the East, Solomon's representative,

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arrayed in robes as gorgeous as he wore, as soon as the art of making colors like those of that time becomes known; and every masonic hall will be a true representation of that Temple. Facts are stubborn things, but 'facts' must be had at any price. Let symbolism and the lessons taught from symbols be thrown to the winds."

Under Mississippi, we quote as a matter of interest to some of our Brethren:

"He [the Grand Master] has a good word for the District Deputy system, but believing that the districts are too large he would place no less than ten nor more than fifteen to any district. When the system is so changed that the Grand Lodge pays the expense of the visiting officer, and gives to each district only as many lodges as a deputy can readily visit during the year and so arranges lodges by districts as to reduce the travelling expense to a minimum, the best results of the system may obtain. Maine has two hundred lodges, with twenty-five districts, the largest district having eleven lodges, the smallest five. The expenses of the deputies, who are to visit each lodge once each year at the expense of the Grand Lodge, travel and board only (no allowance or pay for time), average about twenty-six dollars each. The deputies also see that the lodges make their returns and pay their per capita tax in due season. These officers also inspect the work, so that the labors of the Grand Lecturer are reduced to the holding of a few conventions each year and the replying to questions on the ritual submitted to him."

Pennsylvania for 1904 is ably summarized, and a number of quotations are made from Grand Master BROWN's address. Our report is courteously styled "valuable."

Most Worshipful Brother HUGH R. CHAPLIN, of Bangor, Grand Master, re-elected; Right Worshipful Brother STEPHEN BERRY, of Portland, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

MANITOBA—1905.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, began its Thirtieth Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, at the City of Winnipeg, Province of Manitoba, on Wednesday, June 14, A.D. 1905, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother Reverend ANDREW CHISOLM, Grand Master.

The annual address of the Grand Master is short, a poem ("a gem of Masonic thought") covering one page of the four. The Grand Master dwells upon the ideals of the Craft, belief in God, brotherhood, and equality. We note with satisfaction that he says:

"I have adhered to what I think to be the opinion of the greater number of Past Grand Masters in the matter of wearing Masonic regalia in public, that these should be worn only at the funeral of a Brother Mason, when attending divine service as a Lodge or when as a communication of Grand Lodge convened to lay a corner-stone."

Dispensations for eleven new Lodges were granted.

Telegraphic greetings were exchanged with Wisconsin and Nova Scotia.

A handsome chain collar was presented to the junior Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother EDWARD A. BRAITHWAIT. We note that this Grand Lodge does not have Masonic clothing, or "regalia," of its own.

In the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead, our Brothers WAGNER and SWAIN, are included, by a slip of the pen the latter being given the title of Past Grand Master instead of Junior Grand Warden.

Number of Lodges, including 4 under dispensation, 89, a gain of 8 or 9; initiated, 572; total membership, 4786, a

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gain of 512. Receipts, including balance of \$1,771.71, were \$7,707.71; disbursements, \$6,645.18; balance, \$1,062.53.

The Grand Master-elect being detained at the bedside of his dying mother, a special Communication was held June 30, for the purpose of installing him, and such other officers of the Grand Lodge as were unable to attend the Annual Communication.

We are very glad that Grand Secretary OVAS has given first names this year.

Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM G. SCOTT, of Winnipeg, Grand Secretary; Most Worshipful Brother JAMES A. OVAS, of Winnipeg, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

MARYLAND—1904.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Maryland held its Two Hundred and Thirty-fifth stated (the semi-annual) Communication in the Masonic Temple, Baltimore, on Tuesday, May 10, A.D. 1904.

Most Worshipful Brother THOMAS J. SHRYOCK, Grand Master.

The Grand Master delivered a short address, treating specially of the great fire of February 7, and the subsequent placing of certain parts of the Masonic Temple at the use of the Chamber of Commerce, a bank and others. He also announced the death of Grand Secretary *Emeritus* Brother JACOB H. MEDAIRY, who was buried on Sunday during the great conflagration, with full Masonic honors, from the Grand Lodge room, which was crowded by members of the Craft, who, notwithstanding the great excitement incident to the fire, were present to do honor to a faithful, greatly loved Brother. Under the circumstances such a funeral was a great honor. The death of Right Worshipful Past Deputy Grand Master Brother JOHN A. LYNCH, was also announced.

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Following a special report of the Committee on Correspondence, the National Grand Lodge of Egypt was recognized. As we said before, we should like to know if the Grand Lodge of Egypt is really a *sovereign* Grand Lodge. England maintains a protectorate over Egypt, and it is natural for the Grand Lodge of England, which has District Grand Lodges under it in various parts of the world, (and if we mistake not has now a District Grand Master over Egypt and the Soudan, that position being now held if we are not mistaken by Brother General SIR FRANCIS REGINALD WINGATE, K. C. M. G., C. B.) to favor the Grand Lodge of Egypt, and we are not surprised that the English Brethren mentioned in the Committee's report, think well of this particular Grand Lodge. As to Masonic recognition, we supposed that that was given only by one *sovereign* Grand Lodge to another *sovereign* Grand Lodge.

From the report of the Committee, it appears that the Grand Orient of Brazil was recognized many years ago, and its recent request for an exchange of Representatives is endorsed, and Grand Lodge approved.

The One Hundred and Eighteenth Annual Communication was held November 15, 1904.

The address of the Grand Master was very brief. He reported that there was no diminution of Masonic work notwithstanding the great conflagration. He also stated that the monument authorized by the Grand Lodge to be erected over the grave of the late Brother MEDAIREY was in course of construction and would soon be completed.

In our last report we said "We are very much in hopes that Grand Secretary ISAAC will, for the benefit of the writers of the report on Correspondence, give somewhere a summary of the statistics of the year, and not make us compile the figures." Unfortunately we have only what we had last year, "A Comparative Abstract" of the work in three successive periods of six months, from which it appears that there were

781 initiations, the total number of Master Masons being 10,293, a gain, it seems, of 1567. We find in small print at the bottom of page 248, "106 Lodges—32 City; 74 County." As last year, we decline to make up a financial statement.

The frontispiece is an excellent portrait of Reverend Brother HENRY BRANCH, D.D., who has been Grand Chaplain since November 21, 1888.

The report on Correspondence is by the Chairman, Right Worshipful Brother EDWARD T. SCHULTZ, Past Senior Grand Warden, who by the assistance of a reader and amanuensis, and his associates on the Committee, has prepared his eighteenth report, which is fully up to his high standard. We heartily reciprocate the fraternal greetings he sends to the members of the Reportorial Corps.

We find that he is against laying corner-stones on Sunday, as we should expect.

Under Canada, Brother HENRY ROBERTSON's statement that Brother SCHULTZ "still clings" to the "modern delusion" that a Grand Lodge cannot "call off" for anything but "refreshment," is stoutly combated by our Brother SCHULTZ, who after giving his views, says:

"In view of these disclosures may we not with some show of propriety retort: Brother Robertson, as well as his Grand Lodge, *now* cling to the 'modern delusion' that a Lodge, or Grand Lodge, may call off from labor to refreshment, and while the Craft are in that condition it can lay corner-stones and bury its fraternal dead."

In our report several years ago we had occasion to say that our Grand Lodge has never performed any Masonic work in public.

Brother SCHULTZ writes, under Georgia, in a very interesting manner against the Grand Master's dispensations

to confer the Fellow Craft and Master's degrees "*without ballot.*"

Under Oregon, we quote with agreement the following:

"We regard the reasons assigned for limitation of the period of jurisdiction to be without any force whatever. Why not assume that admittance into the Fraternity is not denied to any applicant who may apply therefor without good and sufficient cause, instead of jumping to the conclusion that he is denied admittance on account of personal reasons?"

"We have said elsewhere in this report that where one good man is denied, ten are admitted who reflect no honor or credit upon the Fraternity. We do not believe that there is one case in fifty where a waiver of jurisdiction over a rejected applicant moving into another jurisdiction would be refused except for good and sufficient cause. We regard the doctrine of perpetual jurisdiction sound and Masonic, the sophistry and sentimentality of many Brethren to the contrary notwithstanding."

Pennsylvania for 1903 is well summarized. Referring to Past Grand Masters ARNOLD and PERKINS, Brother SCHULTZ says, "Both of these Brethren were not only distinguished as Masons, but also in the civil walks of life." He quotes and commends Grand Master TENNIS's remarks as to closely guarding our portals. One of his decisions Brother SCHULTZ does not fully understand. We may say first that in this Jurisdiction, after an applicant for initiation and membership has been approved by an unanimous ballot, any member of the Lodge may object to his initiation, and that objection has the same effect as a black-ball. If a member is opposed to the advancement of an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft, he must *prefer charges*, and if those charges are not sustained, the Brother is entitled to advancement. The point of the decision with which Brother

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SCHULTZ does not concur, is that the objector must make his objection in person, and merely stating his objection privately to the Worshipful Master or writing him a letter, is not sufficient, unless the Master chooses to make the objection his own, and then makes it in open Lodge, so that it will be entered upon the minutes. If a member of the Lodge, objects, and is not able to be present in Lodge, he may get a Brother to act for him, if he can, but he cannot throw the responsibility upon the Master of the Lodge unless, as before stated, that Brother is willing to make the objection his own.

As to Grand Master TENNIS's decision that Past Masters' jewels must be of silver, Brother SCHULTZ says:

“We have always maintained that the Past Master's Jewel should be of silver, and it has only been during the last few decades that they were otherwise in our jurisdiction.”

Our Brother is mistaken in thinking our report is a joint production. We supposed in following the opening adopted by Past Grand Master VAUX, for his reports, that the statement as made by him, that the report was “submitted by the Chairman” would convey the same meaning it used to do, viz.: that the report had been written by that Chairman. Apparently some have not so understood it, and for the benefit of some Brethren who, like Brother SCHULTZ, have not understood this statement, we added last year, as we do this, “who, as usual, has prepared the same.”

Most Worshipful Brother THOMAS J. SHRYOCK, of Baltimore, Grand Master, re-elected; Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM M. ISAAC, of Baltimore, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

MASSACHUSETTS—1905

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in union with the Most Ancient and Honorable Grand Lodges in Europe and America, according to the Old Constitutions, held a Quarterly Communication at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Wednesday, March 9, A.D. 1904.

Most Worshipful Brother BAALIS SANFORD, Grand Master.

The Grand Master announced the death of Right Worshipful Brother HENRY GODDARD, the oldest Past Senior Grand Warden, and a tribute to his memory prepared by Brother FORREST E. BARKER was accepted and ordered to be spread upon the Records.

Recording Grand Secretary NICKERSON presented two mahogany ballot boxes received from Dr. J. COLLINS WARREN, an eminent physician and surgeon of Boston and the great-grandson of Dr. JOHN WARREN who was the Grand Master in 1783, 1784 and 1787. These boxes, with the appropriate furnishings, were found in a chest belonging to Gen. JOSEPH WARREN, after his death in the battle of Bunker Hill, and had remained in the custody of his family ever since. For the last thirty years they have formed a part of the interesting collection of relics contributed by the Warren family to the Museum in the Old South Church. These boxes and their contents, it is thought, were probably in the service of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge while JOSEPH WARREN presided.

An interesting event at the June Quarterly was the presentation of a portrait of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother RICHARD BRIGGS, when Grand Secretary NICKERSON gave an address upon the Masonic career of Brother BRIGGS, who was Grand Master in 1892-93, and died in office.

At the September Quarterly, charters were granted to Shanghai Lodge, at Shanghai, and Peihe Lodge, at Tientsin,

China; a charter is to be issued to Sinim Lodge when the by-laws have been received and approved.

It was proposed that the following be adopted:

“That no Lodge within the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall admit any visitor to any of its meetings, unless said visitor shall first produce a Grand Lodge Certificate, or his original diploma, and then be vouched for by some Brother present, or pass a strict examination.”

This was referred to a committee, which in December reported against the same, but made some suggestions in the same line, and their consideration was postponed until the March Quarterly.

The address of the Grand Master is a practical and comprehensive paper. He reported an interesting case, which we quote:

“At the March Communication I reported that I had a petition from John H. Whitehead, who had been elected Junior Warden at the annual meeting of Wollaston Lodge, A. F. & A. M., held on December 1, 1903, whose installation had been prevented by the installing officer and forbidden by me, in pursuance of my duty, for the reason that he had refused to renounce his allegiance as a member of a body claiming to be Masonic and not recognized under the provisions of the Constitutions of this Grand Lodge in sections 21 and 22 of Part V, being a body under the United States Jurisdiction of Scottish Rite Masons, popularly known as the Cerneau bodies. His petition had been served upon me on the day before our meeting in March and asked to be heard before a Committee of the Grand Lodge in relation to this matter. As he had brought proceedings in the Equity Superior Court to enforce his claims I decided not to receive it while such action was pending. That case, heard

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in the Superior Court on demurrer, terminated adversely to Whitehead.

“ On May 17, 1904, a petition for mandamus was brought by John H. Whitehead against Theodore C. Gram, Worshipful Master of Wollaston Lodge, this Grand Lodge, myself as its Grand Master, and Brother Sydney F. Copeland, who was elected and installed Junior Warden of Wollaston Lodge instead of Brother Whitehead. In this suit, evidence in behalf of Whitehead was heard for two days in the Supreme Judicial Court, which again resulted adversely to Whitehead in favor of the Grand Lodge, and his petition was dismissed. While these proceedings were carried on by Whitehead, and he is justly blameable for his action, the parties behind him who furnished the means and who have been active from the beginning and are largely responsible directly and indirectly for the presence of so much that is disgraceful to Masonry among us, should receive the greater share of the blame and condemnation. It is hoped that this decision will be final and that we shall have no further trouble with these misguided people who must by this time ‘see the error of their ways.’ ”

Mount Hope Lodge, of Fall River, donated a fund of \$1000 to be placed in the custody of the Grand Lodge as a nucleus for establishing a fund to erect a Masonic Home for the benefit of poor and needy Brethren and their families in Massachusetts.

Number of Lodges, including seven in foreign countries, 239; initiations 2759; total membership, 46,790, a gain of 1461. Receipts, including balance of \$399.99, were \$84,767.78; disbursements, \$84,196.60; balance, \$571.18.

A time-worn and somewhat dilapidated oil painting of Right Worshipful Brother SHUBAEL BELL, who was Senior Grand Warden in 1808, was loaned to the Grand Lodge by a grand-niece, and Grand Secretary NICKERSON gave a sketch of the Brother's life.

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The usual stated Communication for the installation of officers was held on St. John the Evangelist's Day, and after its work had been finished, the "Grand Feast" was celebrated in the regular Massachusetts way, and Past Grand Master GALLAGHER and Grand Secretary NICKERSON, among others, entertained the Brethren. It is, we suppose, too much to expect Brother NICKERSON, whom we had the pleasure of seeing again in September, to agree with Brother ROBERT FREKE GOULD in his inclination to regard as "an hallucination" the idea that Brother HENRY PRICE had that his authority was extended "over the whole country," as Brother NICKERSON told his Brethren again at this feast.

We quote from Brother NICKERSON's remarks referring to address delivered by Grand Master GARDNER in 1871 upon Brother HENRY PRICE, Provincial Grand Master of New England:

"We have been able to add to it but very few items, the principal one being a correction of an error into which Brother Gardner had fallen,—that Benjamin Franklin was probably made a Mason in London. He was not; he was not of the age which the Constitutions required for initiation at the time he was in London; and about 1880 we gained the knowledge from relics that were left by Franklin and which had lain dormant and unknown until that time. We gathered from those relics that Benjamin Franklin was made in a Lodge in Philadelphia in 1731. Three years later, by request of Franklin, Henry Price issued to him authority to serve as Grand Master in Pennsylvania. The discovery just named led to a friendly controversy which has been going on now for twenty-five years, I think, between the chairmen of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence who have served during that period for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and the present Grand Secretary of Massachusetts, in regard to the priority of the exercise of authority by Provincial Grand Masters in this

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country. It has been to me an exceedingly interesting subject, and I hope, in the various addresses and publications that I have made in connection with the work of the Grand Lodge, that I have thrown some light upon this subject and have been somewhat successful in upholding the reliability of our records and in securing the proper credit for our first Provincial Grand Master."

No report on Correspondence.

Most Worshipful Brother BAALIS SANFORD, of Brockton, Grand Master, re-elected; Right Worshipful Brother SERENO D. NICKERSON, of Boston, Recording Grand Secretary, re-elected.

MICHIGAN—1905.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan began its Sixty-first Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Detroit, on Tuesday, May 23, A.D. 1905, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother FLETCHER E. TURRELL, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master is a full and detailed account of his administration, which, by reason of the recent change in the time of the holding of the Annual Communication from January to May, extended over a period of sixteen months.

This Grand Lodge was incorporated in 1849, and recently some Brother discovered that the law incorporating the Grand Lodge did not give it the power to receive and hold property which might be conveyed, devised or bequeathed to it in trust for any Masonic use, purpose, organization or institution, and the Grand Master took steps to have the act amended, and reported the change to Grand Lodge. A Past Grand Master's jewel was presented to him.

Portraits of the retiring and incoming Grand Masters are given. We trust it will not be taken amiss if we remark that in the formal Proceedings of a *Masonic* Grand Lodge, when giving the portraits of Grand Masters of *Masons*, it would be, in our opinion, more seemly if the decoration or insignia of societies not Masonic were omitted. In a similar case not long ago, in explanation of the presence of such insignia in the case of a Brother, it was explained that the only portrait that existed of the Brother, who had died, was the one given. Michigan is fortunate in having the Brethren whose portraits are referred to, still with them in the flesh.

Number of Lodges, 396, a gain of 5; raised, 3022; total membership, 51,871, a gain of 2506. Receipts, including balance of \$23,682.82, were \$52,695.12; disbursements, \$38,139.39; balance, \$14,555.39.

The report of the Masonic Home is very full and complete. The weekly cost of maintenance was \$3.42. The average age of the 44 Brethren now at the Home is seventy-one years, while that of the 8 females is seventy-six.

It may be remembered that last year the Committee on the petition of the Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico, for fraternal recognition, after a careful report asked for more time. This year the Committee submits another full report and concludes by recommending that, for the present at least, the petition be denied. The report was adopted.

A resolution of sympathy with Past Grand Master DUNHAM, who was absent on account of illness, was adopted.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother Lou B. WINSOR, the Committee. In the conclusion of this, his second excellent report, our Brother explains that he is not unappreciative of the kind words which have been said about him and his work, although he has not referred to them in the report, and quotes from their By-laws, part of which is as follows:

“ And the Committee shall refrain from criticism of such proceedings, as well as promulgating the opinion of the Committee upon decisions, laws and regulations of this or any other Grand Lodge.”

He then adds:

“ So you see that in following the law strictly, I am necessarily confined to the use of the scissors, rather than the pen. However, I have always had a somewhat unruly nature to contend with, from boyhood up, and as you may notice, I could not refrain from jumping the traces occasionally.”

In one of his “ jumps,” we agree, under Oklahoma:

“ Another decision was that a brother’s dues could not be remitted without his request. In this decision he was sustained by Grand Lodge.

“ We think that this practice oftentimes causes unnecessary humiliation to a brother and that a better course to pursue would be for the Worshipful Master to personally investigate the circumstances of each member of his lodge and recommend the remission of dues in worthy instances, without necessitating the brother’s making a personal request.”

In another “ jump,” he has considerable to say about the use of a cipher ritual, and tells us that he has yet to see the first instance of any evil results arising from the use of his Grand Lodge ritual. We regard the cipher ritual not only as *unnecessary*, but as a distinct evil, our good Brother to the contrary notwithstanding.

Pennsylvania for 1904 is very well summarized, and quotations are made from Grand Master BROWN’s address. Brother WINSOR kindly says that we give “ a very able and conscientious review of the various Grand Lodge proceedings.”

MINNESOTA.

Most Worshipful Brother JOHN ROWSON, of Grand Rapids, Grand Master; Most Worshipful Brother LOU B. WINSOR, of Reed City, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

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THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Minnesota began its Fifty-second Annual Communication in the Masonic Hall, in the City of St. Paul, on Wednesday, January 18, A.D. 1905, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM A. MCGONAGLE, Grand Master.

The Committee on Credentials report as present among the Grand Representatives a Brother "for Georgia and Pennsylvania," but in the list of Grand Secretary MONTGOMERY, who was a member of the Committee on Credentials, Pennsylvania is omitted, and a foot-note mentions that Pennsylvania, with four other Jurisdictions, "does not exchange."

The address of the Grand Master, whose portrait forms the frontispiece, is an excellent and business-like paper. He reported the death of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother JACOB A. KIESTER, who was born at Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania, April 20, 1832. From his able conclusion we quote with pleasure:

"It is our province to build up a public opinion for the right that will be resistless, and to support with every power at our command that class of public servants who are endeavoring to formulate and execute wise laws for the good of the people."

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On the subject of visitations, he says:

“I have endeavored so far as practical to confine my visits to those Lodges where no Grand Master has ever before visited, and the royal welcome extended to me as Grand Master on all these occasions should be an incentive to succeeding Grand Masters to try the same experiment. I have found that even in our large cities there are Lodges that have never been honored by a visitation from the Grand Master and but few of the country Lodges have ever experienced the sensation of receiving, with the Grand Honors, the head of our Institution.”

Our Iowa Brethren will like this address for its poetry.

An eloquent oration upon “Freemasonry” was delivered by the Grand Orator, Brother LUIS G. HOFFMAN, which is given in the appendix.

Number of chartered Lodges, 242; initiated, 1299; total membership, 20,287, a gain of 774. Receipts, including balance of \$12,084.93, were \$23,938.89; disbursements, \$9,448.27; balance, \$14,490.62.

“The Masonic Observer,” published at Minneapolis, was recommended to the favorable consideration of the Fraternity.

Hereafter no Lodge can grant honorary membership, which we think wise. District Deputy Grand Masters were made members of Grand Lodge; it appears that their expenses are not paid by Grand Lodge. New collars, aprons and jewels are to be provided for the officers of the Grand Lodge.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Chairman, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother IRVING TODD, who, as usual, makes excellent selections for quotations, and summarizes judiciously. In our last report we said: “We are glad to say that this year, we have, to quote Brother HODSON, of Oregon, ‘a little more Todd.’” In

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going through our Brother's report this year, we are struck by the fact that there is "very little Todd," which we regret.

Pennsylvania for 1903 is excellently summarized. Our remarks about Minnesota are quoted. We may say, for our Brother's information, that we reside at the Capital of the Keystone State, not in the City of Brotherly Love, and our middle initial is "M."

With the Grand Lodge Proceedings are bound up the Proceedings of the Masonic Veteran Association.

Most Worshipful Brother HENRY M. TUSLER, of St. Paul, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother THOMAS MONTGOMERY, of St. Paul, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

MISSISSIPPI—1905.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Mississippi, Free and Accepted Masons, began its Eighty-seventh Annual Communication in the City of Jackson, on Thursday, February 23, A.D. 1905, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother THOMAS UPTON SISSON, Grand Master.

Before Grand Lodge opened there were some public exercises in the Court Room of Hinds County, an address of welcome being given and a suitable reply being made by the Grand Master, after which all but members of the Fraternity retired.

As last year, Past Grand Master HARRISON is recorded among the Grand Representatives present, as being the Representative of our Grand Lodge, although his name is omitted from the general list given on page 142.

The Grand Master in the opening of his address speaks eloquently of the mission of Freemasonry. He reported the death of two Right Worshipful Brothers, WILLIAM H. HOWARD, Senior Grand Warden, and HENRY H. FOLK, Past Deputy Grand Master. A portrait is given of this Brother,

while that of the retiring Grand Master forms the frontispiece. There is also a portrait of Brother HENRY STRAUSS, who was Grand Tyler, 1887 to 1900. A telegram of sympathy was sent to Brother HOWARD's widow.

Among the special dispensations refused, we note a proper one, that of a dispensation to allow a Lodge to ballot upon the petition of a Pennsylvania Brother, for "immediate membership in order that he might have a vote at the annual election of officers."

Most Worshipful Brother SISSON refused, as Grand Master, to lay the corner-stone of the Methodist Church at Biloxi, Miss., "because the stone was not to be laid in the Northeast corner of the building as the law of Masonic tradition directs."

Possibly had the Grand Master recalled that Brother GEORGE WASHINGTON, on September 18, 1793, laid "this South East Corner-Stone, of the Capitol of the United States of America, in the City of Washington," as a silver plate deposited in the stone recites, he might have granted the dispensation.

This same silver plate recites that the stone was laid "by the President of the United States, in concert with the Grand Lodge of Maryland, several Lodges under its Jurisdiction, and Lodge No. 22, from Alexandria, Virginia." This statement is at variance with the statement to which the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the District of Columbia in 1897 certified on the familiar photograph of the gavel used by WASHINGTON on this most interesting occasion, namely, that the gavel "was used by Brother George Washington, the first President of the United States of America, while acting as *Grand Master pro tem. of Virginia.*" (Italics ours.) The acting Grand Master or "the Grand Master P. T.," as he is called in the Annapolis "Maryland Gazette" of September 26, 1793, was Brother JOSEPH CLARK, Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

Upon the subject of "Electioneering," Grand Master Sisson speaks as follows:

"Brethren, I desire to call your attention especially to an evil which is on the increase in the Grand Lodge. It is that of Electioneering. This is done in various ways. A Brother desiring an office will say to you, 'My friends are pressing me for such and such an office,' or will say, 'I have been coming to the Grand Lodge for a number of years and would like to be on such and such a committee.' Many brethren will actually go out and ask the brethren direct and press them to vote for them. Now I am sure that this is due to thoughtlessness on the part of such brethren. But, Brethren, it must be stopped if we would preserve our dignity and honor and preserve our Harmony. We must not convert the Grand Lodge into a political convention where men seek office and trade and traffic votes with the skill of a machine politician. We must have no cut and dried tickets. We must have no cliques and rings in the Grand Lodge. This office-seeking ought to stop. No Mason either in a subordinate or Grand Lodge who seeks office ought ever to have one. Such methods should be lashed from the Grand Lodge with a scorpion's lash."

The Masonic Home Fund now amounts to \$46,552.31, and steps were taken towards raising additional funds and proceeding with the selection of a site and the erection of a building, when sufficient means are obtained. A donation of \$25 was made to assist the Beauvoir Home Memorial Association in making the final payment on Beauvoir, the Confederate Veterans' Home.

The Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence reported among its decisions, that a bastard was not eligible to Masonry, and that if such an one had received one degree he could not be proceeded with. We cannot bring ourself to think that a bastard is "descended of *honest* parents,"

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as some of the Brethren of the Corps Reportorial seem to have been able to do.

Queensland was welcomed "into the sisterhood of Grand Lodges, which she enters of right by virtue of the regularity of her formation," in accord with a special report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Number of Lodges, including seven new ones and three under dispensation, 306, a gain of five; raised, 1073; total membership, 12,244, a gain of 787. Receipts, including balance of \$12,117.86, were \$23,182.06; disbursements, \$8,151.42.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal or Foreign Correspondence is by the Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother ANDREW HANNAH BARKLEY, as usual, and his report follows its usual lines, our Brother commenting none too frequently; and, when he does comment, brotherly love abounds.

We find our Brother, under Michigan, well saying, as to printed rituals:

"All such books should be destroyed. Brethren, learn the ritual by word of mouth and you will have no need of a book from which to read."

We can also understand that Brother BARKLEY, not being made of common "-clay," prefers the last syllable of his name should be spelled "-kley."

In a page, Pennsylvania for 1903 receives notice, a quotation being made from Grand Master TENNIS's address, relating to the Masonic Home. Our report is said to "be well done," and Brother BARKLEY adds:

"We are forced to take exception to the following error into which our good Brother has fallen under the head of

Mississippi. He says, 'the Grand Chaplain is elected and apparently thereby becomes an Archbishop, being addressed as Most Reverend.' "

Grand Secretary SPEED notes at the foot of the page, the following:

"The Grand Chaplain was denominated as 'Most Reverend' in our Constitution adopted in 1818 and has ever since been so styled. That was the title used by both of the Grand Lodges which gave us birth, and is still employed by one of them."

Under Vermont, Brother BARKLEY, referring to Brother MARSH, says:

"He makes special note of the M.: R.: title appended to the name of the Grand Chaplain, and very pertinently asks if it is to be assumed that Mississippi and some other Grand Lodges elect none save bishops and archbishops."

And Grand Secretary SPEED again adds a note:

"Nevertheless it is the constitutional title of the office and been uninterruptedly since the organization of the Grand Lodge. Vide Art. II, Sec. 1. Also, see Art. I, Sec. 5, Constitution 1818."

As the Grand Chaplain is *elected* (see page 92 of Proceedings), our error must be in the statement "apparently thereby becomes an Archbishop, being addressed as Most Reverend." Brother SPEED has enlightened us.

Most Worshipful Brother THOMAS B. FRANKLIN, of Columbus, Grand Master; Most Worshipful Brother FREDERICK SPEED, of Vicksburg, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

MONTANA—1904.

THE Grand Lodge of Ancient and Accepted Free Masons of Montana began its Fortieth Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Helena, on Wednesday, October 5, A.D. 1904, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother H. SOLOMON HEPNER, Grand Master.

In his address, after complimenting his Brethren by calling them "the cream of her [Montana's] population," the Grand Master gives a full account of his doings. His sad duty was to announce the death of no less than four Past Grand Masters, Most Worshipful Brothers SAMUEL WORD, JAMES R. WESTON, JAMES W. HATHAWAY and JAMES H. MILLS: "all were pioneers of Montana, helping to shape order out of chaos and lay securely the foundations of our commonwealth; they were all present at the birth of our Order in Montana, and aided in nurturing it into a strong and helpful growth." Memorial pages are inscribed to their memory and interesting biographical sketches are given.

The badge for the session consisted of a group picture of the four departed Brethren, surrounded by a black border with the inscription, "Died since last we met."

The loss which we had sustained in the death of Past Grand Master DAY is fraternally noted.

The Auchard bequest, which we noted last year, did not quite come up to the anticipations, but it brings an income of \$2055 from 14,659 acres of grazing land.

The testimonial ordered for the retiring Grand Master last year consisted, as is the custom when the recipient is a Benedict, of a beautiful silver service of four pieces and a large silver tray, suitably inscribed.

A congratulatory telegram was sent to Grand Secretary Brother THOMAS MILBURN REED, of Washington, who was ill, he being "the Nestor of the Craft on the Pacific coast,

and the oldest Grand Secretary in the world," and soon a graceful reply was received from Brother REED, who two days later entered into life eternal.

A suitable testimonial was ordered to be procured for Grand Master HEPNER, who, after installing his successor, transmitted to him the signet ring.

A portrait of the retiring Grand Master is given at the beginning of the Proceedings together with an interesting sketch of that Brother's life, by Grand Secretary HEDGES. We are surprised to have Brother HEDGES mix things Masonic and not Masonic in this fashion:

"In the Scottish Rite he has attained the rank of a Thirty-second Degree Mason, has been Potentate of Algeria Temple, and in Royal Arch Masonry he has been High Priest and a member of the Order of Anointed High Priests. In every department of Masonry he has been energetic and has secured his advancement by merit."

Number of Lodges, including two under dispensation, 53; initiated, 328; total membership, 4013, a gain of 233. Receipts, including balance of \$6,058.75, were \$14,148.45; disbursements, \$7,216.95; balance, \$6,931.50. The assets of the Masonic Home amount to \$23,855.42, an increase for the year of \$4,032.50.

The report of Foreign Correspondence is another cheery paper from the Grand Secretary, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother CORNELIUS HEDGES, who, we rejoice to hear, is freed from rheumatic pains and who writes a report we all must admire. Now that Grand Secretary REED has laid aside forever his pen as Grand Secretary, Brother HEDGES and Brother CHRISTOPHER DIEHL, of Utah, stand at the head of the list of Grand Secretaries in length of service, and we earnestly hope that both of them will stand there for many years to come.

Brother HEDGES still is concerned about Palestine ("still the unspeakable Turk squats over Palestine"), and the approaching culmination of many hopes in the establishment of a Masonic Home brings joy to his heart. His report is one in which scissors, we may say, have no part.

Under Maine, we cannot agree with our Brother, and cannot understand how he can write as follows:

"The French Masons should not be classed as Atheists because the belief in God is not fundamentally announced, any more than it is in the Constitution of the United States. We cannot blame the French Masons for saying that if the Catholic Church is the representative of God on earth and has a monopoly of religion, they want none of it."

We are amused at Brother HEDGES' review of Massachusetts and Brother NICKERSON's account of early Masonry in that country. He visited Brother NICKERSON, when he was in Boston, and seems impressed with what were, until a few years ago, believed to be genuine "records" of early Masonry in Massachusetts; and seems not to have learned that, as a well-known Masonic writer, not a Pennsylvanian, has said, "their untrustworthiness in historical questions is apparent to all." We dare say that Brother NICKERSON did not call Brother HEDGES' attention to the fact that in the Massachusetts "records" of 1734 (though written nearly twenty years later) the name of FRANKLIN is written "over an erasure."

We agree with Brother HEDGES, under Georgia:

"If a candidate, otherwise worthy and well qualified, were to be maimed after receiving part of the degrees, we would find some way to finish the work."

And, under Missouri:

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“Masonry does not need to court public attention by promiscuous parading.”

More than three pages are given to Pennsylvania for 1903, our Brother beginning:

“From the keystone of our National Arch we have an abstract of the Several Communications of Grand Lodge during 1903, under the Grand Mastership of Brother Edgar A. Tennis, whose handsome picture faces the record of the first Quarterly. To say that he is a fine-looking gentleman is only secondary praise. He is handsome in strict accord with the maxim ‘handsome is that handsome does.’

“It is noticeable that the highest title of distinction in this jurisdiction is R. W. instead of M. W.”

Our Brother will be glad to know that when the Grand Lodge of England was formed in 1717 and for many years thereafter, its Grand Master was styled “Right Worshipful.”

Our Brother also says:

“We cannot name the Grand Secretary without committing Sinn, but it is different from ordinary sin by an extra ‘n’ and in being pardonable though mortal.”

He is much interested in the matter of additional Masonic Homes in our Jurisdiction, and says:

“The Grand Lodge has several charity funds from which hundreds were relieved during the year, but with a delicacy greatly to be admired. The names of the beneficiaries are never published. We presume many of them will find places in the Homes when open for admission, and it would seem that at least the Grand Lodge Charity Fund might be available to endow the Home.

“It will be seen that Pennsylvania, though late in the field, has entered upon the Home movement with hearty

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and unanimous purpose and we shall watch the outcome with confidence and joy. The time will come, though we may not live to see it, when our Pennsylvania brethren will have more pride and pleasure in their Homes than in their magnificent Temple which has become one of the wonders of the world.

“The work of embellishing the Temple is not yet complete, nor is the Temple debt all paid off, \$198,110 still outstanding drawing four per cent. interest, but with an assured revenue of \$120,000 there will be means for all the Homes besides.

“We wonder what the Queen of Sheba would have to say if she revisited the earth and were shown through the Philadelphia Temple! If Solomon in all his glory could not be compared with the lilies in the fields, we fancy that Queen, with her acquired experience and observation would say, ‘we will see the Home before expressing an opinion.’

“We confess to much interest in the growth of their library under the administration of the present librarian. With proper financial encouragement and no rupture of his plans he will soon distance the famous Alexandrine library.”

Coming to our report, Brother HEDGES says:

“We are delighted to learn that a full-fledged Brother Yaleman is the correspondent with whom we are in correspondence. Brother Lamberton is the first we have met in this field with whom we could fellowship so fully.”

He concludes :

“Will say that we were well enough to attend the Fiftieth Anniversary last summer of our class of 1853, and have been growing better ever since. We shall hereafter be more interested in what our Brother writes, and thank him again for kind words and wishes.”

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It appears to be a new thing in Montana for a Judge to be Grand Master, so the fact is mentioned in giving his name and address.

Most Worshipful Brother LEW L. CALLAWAY, of Virginia City, Grand Master ; Right Worshipful Brother CORNELIUS HEDGES, of Helena, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

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THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska began its Forty-eighth Annual Communication in Freemasons' Hall, Omaha, on Tuesday, June 6, A.D. 1905, and closed two days later.

Most Worshipful Brother CHARLES E. BURNHAM, Grand Master.

After the Grand Master had declared the communication open and proclamation thereof had been made, the record reads :

“Past Grand Master Ayers being admitted bearing the American Flag, the Grand Lodge was called to order, the members singing ‘My country, ’tis of thee.’ ”

The address of the Grand Master is a comprehensive paper, showing a wise administrator. He announced the death on the first day of this month of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother ROBERT WILKINSON FURNAS, to whom, following a resolution passed at the last Annual Communication, the Grand Master had presented the “Jordan Medal,” as being the oldest Mason in Nebraska.

We think the Grand Master sound in saying:

“Possibly the net increase of our membership is not as large as in former years, but this is occasioned, in part, by

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the reason of suspensions, or on account of increase in Grand Lodge dues. It is not always great accretion in membership that denotes strength—in fact it is sometimes quite the reverse. It may be well to here interpose a word of caution. I believe that the only menace to this jurisdiction retaining its position well up in the front ranks of the Masonic world, is from the apparent interjection of commercialism into our lodges; that is, the tendency to increase our membership simply to obtain the fees and dues, which at times seems to overshadow the principle that it is quality which will strengthen the Institution, and not quantity.”

Number of Lodges, including two under dispensation, 235; initiated, 953; total membership, 14,719, a gain of 528. Receipts, including balance of \$13,326.71, were \$37,468.59; disbursements, \$20,791; balance, \$16,677.59.

It was determined to adopt the card registry system in the Grand Secretary's office.

Greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodges of Iowa and Wisconsin, and a message of sympathy was sent to Past Grand Master HAYES, with regret for his enforced absence on account of illness.

From the introduction of the oration by Brother LEWIS H. BLACKLEDGE, his theme being “What lack I yet?” we quote:

“I have observed, however, that as to the things we do, there is everything in the purpose we have in doing them; as to what we observe, there is everything in the point of view.

“My purpose herein I leave to your own conclusion. The correctness of the statement as to the point of view may be illustrated by this incident: Two gentlemen of African descent were discussing a biblical question in which they were much interested, pertaining to the race and color of the Apostles. One maintained that, as Palestine was about on

a line with Africa, the Apostles must all have been colored. 'Why bress yo' heart,' said the other, 'St. Peter and St. Paul an all dem 'postles was as white as dat no'the'n gemman ober dah.' 'No sah, no sah,' said the first, 'St. Paul may ha been, but St. Petah was a cullud gemman.' 'Now yous'e wrong shuah,' said the second, 'cause ef St. Petah'd been cullud, dat cock'd never ha crowed more'n oncet.' "

Queensland was postponed and New South Wales and Valle de Mexico were recognized.

The oldest Mason in the State, Brother CHARLES P. HACKNEY, born in 1814 and made a Mason April 23, 1846, was welcomed by the Grand Master, and in responding the Brother thanked Grand Lodge for helping to care for him and his wife in his declining years. Later, Grand Lodge more than doubled the amount appropriated for the venerable Brother's help.

They do not want any unaffiliated Brethren or Brethren without demit, in Nebraska, as the following amendment, just adopted, shows:

"A brother who was a member in good standing of a lodge at the time such lodge became extinct, and remains unaffiliated, shall remain and be deemed in good standing for one year from March 31, 1905, or for one year after such lodge ceases to exist. Failing to pay his dues to the Grand Secretary and procuring a demit within such year shall be deemed a Masonic offense for which he shall be tried by a commission appointed by the Grand Master, and if found guilty shall be suspended from all of the rights and privileges of Masonry."

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Past Grand Master Most Worshipful Brother CHARLES J. PHELPS, of the Committee. Our Brother believes that "Freemasonry has a nomenclature, as well as laws, of its own, and that

certain words, by long use among us, have a distinctively Masonic meaning that should in our literature be recognized and uniformly used," and among them is "constitute," as applied to the ceremony following the granting of a charter, or warrant, in establishing a Lodge, and we agree.

Our Brother reserves to himself the right to differ with his Grand Lodge, and "recognizes the power of the Grand Master to make a Mason at sight," although his Nebraska Grand Lodge says 'no.'

The following, under Wyoming, will be of interest:

"Under New Jersey and upon the subject of landmarks he states in forceful language his views, and among other things says that, in his opinion no Grand Master of Speculative Masonry ever existed prior to the organization of the Grand Lodge of England in 1717, and he throws doubt, if we understand him aright, upon the existence of landmarks. And to further fortify his position, he quotes at length Brother Speed's comments in a review of the action of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey in defining what it regarded as landmarks. If we understand the latter aright, aside from the belief in God as a landmark, all others are mythical. In Speed's contribution, Mackey is spoken of as authority. We think Mackey possessed a clearer understanding of the subject than any author who has ever written upon the subject of Masonic Jurisprudence, and he carefully and learnedly defines twenty-five landmarks.

"Is it not true that our English brethren in 1717, based their organization upon the old customs and ancient usages of Masonry, and the recognition of Grand Masters as then existing? Is it not true that ever since 1717, Masters, before their installations, have been required to acknowledge that it is not in the power of any man, or body of men to make innovations in the body of Masonry? Is it not true, that in framing every Grand Lodge constitution since 1717, the

ancient landmarks of the Fraternity have been acknowledged, and provision made that they be held inviolate?

“Can it be presumed that all the recognition given in 1717, by our brethren of that day, to the existence of Grand Masters then in power, and their prerogatives from a time whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary, was all idle speculation?

“We think that Oliver, Mackey, and many other scholars, who have written upon the subject are not mistaken, and cannot consent that Speed and Kuykendall are right. And we say this with all due respect for them, and in the most fraternal good will to them.”

Pennsylvania for 1904 is well summarized, especially Grand Master BROWN's address. We quote:

“Although the Grand Master in that jurisdiction is held to possess all the prerogatives and extraordinary powers claimed for that great office, yet he had granted special dispensations only in a few cases and only for the election of lodge officers. Among the edicts he had issued, one was forbidding all lodges in that jurisdiction to admit as a visitor and prohibiting the members thereof from having any Masonic affiliation with one who, having been rejected in a lodge in that jurisdiction, was made a Mason in another. In view of the fact that in quite a number of Masonic Grand Jurisdictions a time limit is fixed, when jurisdiction over a rejected candidate is recognized, it is to be expected that some discussion of the question as to the duty of one Grand Lodge to recognize the lawful members of another, will arise.”

Two quotations are made from our report.

Most Worshipful Brother MELVILLE R. HOPEWELL, of Tekamah, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother FRANCIS E. WHITE, of Omaha, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

NEVADA—1905.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Nevada began its Forty-first Annual Grand Communication in the Masonic Hall, Virginia City, on Tuesday, June 13, A.D. 1905, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother GEORGE GILLSON, Grand Master.

It would appear that Nevada is so fortunate as to have two Grand Masters for the year 1905-6, for the frontispiece is the portrait of "GEO. GILLSON, Grand Master, 1905-1906," and on the opposite page at the head of "Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of F. and A. M. of Nevada For the Year Commencing June 14, A.L. 5905," we have "M.: W.: Charles A. Beemer, Grand Master."

The address of Grand Master GILLSON, after an introduction of more than ordinary beauty, gives us an excellent paper, including some admirable suggestions. He had to announce the death of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother TRENMORE COFFIN.

The recognition of Argentina and Queensland was postponed; while recognition was extended to Brazil and to the Grand Lodge of Benito Jaurez.

Number of Lodges, 22; initiated, 66; total membership, 1030, a gain of 45. Receipts, including balance of \$1,932.97, were \$3,392.91; disbursements, \$1,451.50; balance, \$1,941.41.

Telegraphic greetings were exchanged with Wisconsin.

The report on Correspondence is by the Chairman of the Committee, Brother E. D. VANDERLEITH, who hereafter is to rejoice in the title of "Grand Commissioner of Review!" We are sure that our Brethren of Iowa will like this report not only for its general merit, but also because it is about up to the Iowa standard in poetry. Our Brother, *not* rejoicing

in any of the Vanderbilt millions, much prefers his own name to theirs.

Under Maine, we quote willingly:

“The old charges, (1723), however, show clearly that there was at least one occasion annually of merry-making, when all enjoyed themselves with innocent mirth. This entertainment was a feast and right merrily did the brethren speed the hours. Conversation was easy and free, but decency and decorum were observed by all, no interruption dared to disturb the harmony and pleasure of the feast. Swift and severe was the punishment meted out to a brother who blasted the harmony of the gathering by eating or drinking beyond reasonable bounds. From old rules, dating back to 1725, we also learn that at the monthly lodge meetings the bowl was filled with punch once, and ale, bread, cheese and tobacco were had in common, all excess being carefully avoided. Nothing, at any of these grand or simple feasts, was ever said or done that would give occasion to a brother to have to leave the room. Notwithstanding these entertainments our ancient brethren had due regard of the funds, and were ever insistent that the chief and abiding use thereof was for the more handsome relief of any true brother fallen into poverty or decay. See to it brethren that today we are as careful as our brothers of ye olden time, and no harm will befall us from an occasional good time, which is Masonry’s due everywhere, but always within bounds.”

Under Montana, our Brother marks the distinction between Catholics and Roman Catholics:

“We beg to dissent. We believe that a Roman Catholic is eligible to initiation, and we wouldn’t advise against his election. We have known Roman Catholic Masons who didn’t abjure Masonry to obtain final absolution and a place of rest in consecrated ground. But even if they did abjure

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Masonry on their death beds, we hold that such abjuration has not harmed Masonry in the least. She is as far above harm as the Church of Rome believes the Pope is above harm. All we ask of Romanists is to live Masonry in life. Some do; some don't. Those who do are of use; those who don't are dropped, and forgotten as any other bad Mason. Masonry swings along her great course unmindful of a few poor Masons, whether Romanists, Episcopalians, Lutherans, Methodists, or what else. The good she cherishes; the bad she forgets. We confess that even the smallest bit of harm disturbs, but so does a pebble cast into the ocean. Our brother means Roman Catholics when he says he would advise against their election. We are a Catholic (not a Romanist), and we are not thinking our brother wants us to quit Masonry."

In answer to the following, under North Carolina, we beg to say that we do not want any "freaks" in ours:

"We wonder whether the Pennsylvania Grand Master would reject on the ground of physical disqualification a good man who had ten toes, but who had them distributed six on one foot and four on the other, and was born that way. We knew that the Pennsylvanians kept the landmarks to a hair, but never for a moment dreamt that they got down to counting every applicant's toes."

Six pages are given to Pennsylvania for 1904, our Brother beginning:

"The beautiful engraving of the Masonic Temple adorns the first page. As we gaze at its stately beauty, that line from Bulwer Lytton's 'Soul of Books' flashes across our mind—

" 'Temples, at once, and landmarks.'"

"Next we are presented with an engraving of R.: W.: Grand Master James W. Brown. From his looks we know

his term was marked by dignity and a faithful devotion to Masonry's best interests.

"A special communication was held on January 14, 1904, the occasion being the burial of Past Grand Master Conrad B. Day. His life was marked by firmness and decision, and his loyalty to the landmarks of Freemasonry will ever stand as a guide to the Masons of today."

Referring to Grand Master BROWN's address, "in every way worthy of this splendid jurisdiction," Brother VANDERLEITH says:

"The Grand Master, true to his word, has enforced the ancient usages, customs and landmarks of Freemasonry. He restored the letter 'G' as a Masonic symbol to its proper place. We approve of his so doing, notwithstanding that this letter lacks both universality and antiquity as a symbol. Its use no doubt came from the fact that the Hebrews used the initial letter of Jehovah as a sacred symbol, and so some erudite Mason, aware of the fact, made good its use in a similar way in the English speaking lodges, as early as 1730 perhaps. It serves equally as well in Germany, and we are told is seen in the lodges of that country. The lesson it teaches is as beautiful as any Masonry contains, and we are glad Brother Brown had the courage to restore it in Pennsylvania. Surely among us it is the best known Masonic symbol, or at least as well known as the square and compasses. Nearly ten pages of decisions are the work of our brother. One decision is to the effect that a man with more than five toes on one foot is physically disqualified. There is physical perfection enforced to a nicety for you. We wonder what they would do with a petitioner in Pennsylvania, who, before he applied for the degrees, had one of those toes amputated. We have heard of a good man who only had five toes on one foot, but had six toe-nails, do you think our good Pennsylvania brothers would let him in? The

Grand Master prohibits money-scheming fair methods, and likewise the use of Masonic signs or emblems for business purposes, or trading upon Freemasonry in any way. We stand by our brother in both of these particulars."

Nearly three pages are given to our report, our Brother kindly saying that we know "the art of making a most readable report, and his work needs no further commendation." Referring to our remark "We do not understand how non-affiliates owe dues to Nevada Lodges," our Brother informs us thus:

"Our brother does not understand how a non-affiliate can owe dues to a Nevada lodge. Well, we will cite a case that came within our own knowledge where a non-affiliate paid dues under our laws. This non-affiliate moved within the lodge's jurisdiction. He became an officer of our State and drew a salary of \$6,000 per annum. A noble and worthy citizen in every way. The lodge, under Grand Lodge regulation, notified him to present himself and affiliate, or show cause for non-affiliation, or non-contribution to a lodge, Grand Secretary or Secretary of a Masonic Board of Relief. He failed to do either, and was suspended by the lodge. When his term of office had expired he moved out of the State and in due time applied to affiliate within his then jurisdiction. Being a suspended Mason under the laws of his last jurisdictional home he was told to put himself in good standing, which he did by paying what the lodge required of him. This may not satisfy our brother, but we have given him an instance of a non-affiliate who paid dues to obtain a footing in Masonry where he wanted it. Our brother, perhaps, thinks that such a brother ought to be permitted to wander non-affiliate until ready for his last sweet sleep, then allowed to affiliate, be cared for in his last illness, and then buried by the Craft, to whom he failed to give support in any way.

“ We in Nevada believe that Masonry honors the worker and we try to pay all wages due him. A shirker—well, only recently a strange brother within our gates, an N. P. D., was stricken with smallpox. Though unworthy, the Masons of the little town cared for him to tune of \$300. When well he went east rejoicing, and with not even a thank-you on his lips. We do not want our straitlaced Quaker brothers to think too lightly of Nevada Masonry, and so have written out of the fullness of our heart.”

We venture to say that ours is a fraternity of *Freemasons* and that a Brother cannot be *compelled* to affiliate.

Referring to “descended of honest parents,” about which we had something to say, Brother VANDERLEITH says, in part:

“ A liberal spirit, (and we contend it is found in Masonry today), will not hold that the words “of honest parentage,” refers to illegitimacy of birth when it can see its way clear to construe it as referring to the trustworthiness of the parents. It is contrary to all principles of justice today to punish a misfortune as if it were a crime.”

If it is conceded that everyone has what some one has called “a vested right” to become a member of our Fraternity, then it might be all right to quote that “it is contrary to all principles of justice to-day to punish a misfortune as if it were a crime.”

Ours is a *fraternity*, and therefore it may be a misfortune that women cannot be admitted; and then, too, we do not admit cripples, deaf, dumb or blind men, much as we sympathize with their misfortunes; and in the same way, we think that we are right in refusing admission to those who have the misfortune to be of illegitimate birth.

As our dear Brother seems to think that our answer to a

question of his, "admits" his contention, we can only say that we cannot so see it.

Brother VANDERLEITH closes his fraternal review of us, as follows: "Pennsylvania has forced us beyond all correspondence bounds, but who could help it when discussing with our good Brother Lamberton?"

Most Worshipful Brother CHARLES A. BEEMER, of Sparks, Grand Master; Very Worshipful Brother CHAUNCEY A. NOTEWARE, of Carson City, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

NEW BRUNSWICK—1904.

THE Grand Lodge of the Antient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick began its Thirty-seventh Annual Communication at Masonic Hall, in the City of Saint John, on Tuesday, August 23, A.D. 1904, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother ARTHUR I. TRUEMAN, K.C., Grand Master.

Welcome visitors were the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary of Quebec, Most Worshipful Brother JOHN B. TRESSIDER, and Right Worshipful Brother WILL. H. WHYTE.

The address of the Grand Master is a well written paper, and shows an able, energetic and efficient Grand Officer. He reported the death of one Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother ROBERT MARSHALL.

The Grand Master visited every one of the Lodges in his Jurisdiction at least once, and many of the Lodges more frequently, saying in this connection:

"The social hour spent by the brethren in the banqueting hall at the close of each visitation has also been of value, as well as of pleasure, although I have sought to discourage Lodges from providing entertainments at great expense and trouble. Light refreshments in the Lodge or the adjoining

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banquet room meet every call of hospitality, and afford the desirable opportunity for the Grand Officers and the members of the Lodge to become personally acquainted with each other."

The Board of General Purposes which had under consideration the matter of the preparation and publication of a report on Foreign Correspondence, reported, though not unanimously, a resolution to the effect that it was not desirable to depart from the practice of the Grand Lodge in this matter, and the resolution was adopted.

A resolution was adopted that a Subordinate Lodge has no power to "confer the rank of Past Master upon a Brother who has not regularly passed the chair of his Lodge."

The recognition of Queensland was deferred.

The rank and distinction of Past Senior Grand Warden was conferred upon Brother ANDREW SKILLEN, who had completed sixty-two years of active Masonry; and that venerable Brother was formally acquainted with the action of Grand Lodge, and placed "next the Grand East."

Number of Lodges, 35; initiated, 168; total membership, 2145, a gain of 75. Receipts, including balance of \$2,126.05, were \$4,474.15; disbursements, \$1,801.24; balance, \$2,627.91.

No report on Correspondence.

Most Worshipful Brother EDWIN J. EVERETT, of Saint John, Grand Master; Very Worshipful Brother J. TWINING HARTT, of Saint John, Grand Secretary, re-appointed.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—1905.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New Hampshire held its Semi-annual Communica-

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tion at Freemason's Hall, in the City of Manchester, on Tuesday, December 27, A.D. 1904.

Most Worshipful Brother HENRY I. HASELTON, Grand Master.

As usual, the exemplification of the work in the three degrees was the business of this Communication.

The 116th Annual Communication was held at Freemasons' Hall, in the City of Concord, Wednesday, May 17.

The Grand Master was unable to be present through illness, and his address, which was read by the Deputy Grand Master, gives a clear statement of his actions, ill health having interfered with his plans; and for this reason he felt he must decline re-election. A resolution of regret and sympathy was passed, and ordered to be transmitted to him.

We note with regret that New Hampshire is to abandon her position as to perpetual jurisdiction, so-called, and is going to substitute a "five-year limit to jurisdiction over rejected material."

A carefully prepared report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, to the effect that a Lodge being in need of funds could assess all its members, including those who under the by-laws were exempt from dues, was accepted by Grand Lodge.

Recognition of Puerto Rico, Guatamala and Queensland was deferred.

Number of Lodges, 79; initiated, 353; total membership, 9565; a loss of seven. Receipts, including balance of \$6,436.12, were \$14,407.55; disbursements, \$6,876.54; balance, \$7,531.01.

A Past Grand Master's jewel was placed in the hands of his son to be presented to the retiring Grand Master, whose portrait forms the frontispiece. We have a portrait of Most Worshipful Brother ALPHEUS WOOSTER BAKER, who was Grand Master in 1882, and entered into life eternal in April, 1905, and was laid to rest on the 14th of that month, the

Templar burial service being performed, which seems strange.

An interesting sketch of the Masonic Home, which is located at Manchester, is given, including the act of incorporation, and forms of application for admission.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Chairman, Brother ALBERT S. WAIT, who is recognized as one of the ablest writers of Correspondence reports.

Under Kansas, Brother WAIT says:

“In regard to these official ciphers he [Brother Shaver] expresses himself very much as we have done for ourselves, that while they are an evil, their use has become so universal, and universally demanded as an aid to the memory, that all that can now be done is to “control the evil, limiting it to its least objectionable form by safeguarding an official cipher—thus removing from the craft the temptation surreptitiously to use the dangerous and incorrect phonetic ciphers of commerce.”

We do not believe that the use of ciphers has become “so universal,” etc.; we do believe that by energetic and determined action the use of ciphers can be stopped.

We are a little surprised that Brother WAIT did not note a slip of the pen when, under North Dakota, he mentions the Grand Orator, by reason of his public duties, not being able to prepare an oration, read the address of Brother THEODORE ROOSEVELT, at our celebration of the 150th anniversary of, not the raising, as the North Dakota Proceedings say, but the *initiation* of Brother GEORGE WASHINGTON.

Pennsylvania for 1904 is well summarized, Grand Master BROWN's address being reviewed. We quote:

“The following was only one of several edicts of like kind issued by the Grand Master:

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“ ‘January 4. Forbidding Lodge No. 370 and all other Lodges to admit as a visitor, and prohibiting the members thereof from having any Masonic affiliation with one who, having been rejected in a Lodge in this jurisdiction, was made a Mason in another.’

“ In one of these cases the prohibition was in terms ‘from extending to him any Masonic recognition whatever.’ This brings practically before the craft a question in connection with that of perpetual jurisdiction, which has hitherto been raised only in theory. It is not difficult to perceive how it may become a disturbing element in American Masonry of more than passing moment. It is to be devoutly hoped that the cool heads and deliberate judgments of the Masons of the country may tide the fraternity safely over what is to be feared as an impending crisis.

With that part of our report (kindly spoken of) which refers to New Hampshire our Brother has time only to deal, as the Pennsylvania Proceedings reach him at a late period (though being sent out in March, we should suppose they would be in time for our Brother’s full consideration).

On the matter of perpetual jurisdiction, so called, we said last year that a rejection established the fact that there was a Masonic objection, and that that objection “must be removed in the same manner that its existence was established—*i. e.* by ballot.”

Brother WAIT says:

“ We suppose that our brother means by the term ‘by ballot,’ a ballot by the same Lodge in which the objection occurred. But suppose the brother casting the rejecting ballot is no longer a member of the Lodge, dead or removed to a distance, and suppose that the character of the rejected brother is known to none of the remaining members, is there anything in Masonry which ought to authorize them to determine the question of fitness of such a candidate?”

We reply, that if the ballot shows that there are no black-balls, the fact is established that the Masonic objection which once existed has been removed and no longer exists, and that such being the case, therefore, the Lodge which made the inquiry whether an objection existed is at liberty to determine the question of the candidate's fitness and confer the degrees upon him.

Brother WAIT quotes our question:

"We should very much like to have our Brother explain what the withdrawal from fraternal relations amounts to, if it does not make an end, for the time being at least, of Brethren of the Lodges of each visiting the Lodges of the other,"

and after referring to his discussion, under Minnesota, says:

"We content ourselves with here suggesting, that if his query (and the same has been made by others) is pregnant with anything substantial, it by no means settles the question against us. If such an edict of non-intercourse necessarily and inherently contains a prohibition of individual Masonic relations, that simply proves the edict itself Masonically illegal. Illegal because it deprives brethren of Masonic rights without any existing cause—without trial, without the right of being heard in defense, not only without the commission of crime, but with the very acknowledgment of innocence of the parties denounced."

Our Brother returns to this topic repeatedly. Under Virginia, he says:

"Now, as we have said in substance many times before, Virginia, or any other Grand Lodge, may, in case it finds cause for so extreme an act, withdraw its fraternal relations (call it recognition, if you please) from another Grand Lodge. It is a very different thing to deny to individual

Masons the rights of Masonic intercourse with their brethren. That can only rightfully be done on charges preferred, trial and conviction of Masonic offence. The members of the Lodges are very few of them members of their Grand Lodges, have nothing to with directing its action, and are not responsible for its acts. For a Grand Lodge to assume thus to denounce against the whole membership of a Grand Lodge jurisdiction the consequences of expulsion, in a case, moreover, where they are guilty of no Masonic offence, is to our sense of right most shocking. We further declare that a Grand Lodge has no right or power to deny to its own membership the privileges of Masonic intercourse with that of a sister grand jurisdiction, however offensive the conduct of their Grand Lodge may have been. Rather than see such a doctrine established as the recognized rule of Masonry, we would see the whole system of Grand Lodges blown to the winds, and Masonry left as in former times to its government by local Lodges. Its reorganization we should believe would be without such a blot upon its fair name."

We do not agree with our distinguished Brother. Every Mason under the Jurisdiction of his Grand Lodge is represented in that Grand Lodge, has something to do with directing its action and is responsible for and is bound by its acts, and that Grand Lodge can say what Lodges its members may visit.

Most Worshipful Brother IRA A. CHASE, of Bristol, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother FRANK D. WOODBURY, of Concord, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

NEW JERSEY—1905.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New Jersey began its One Hundred and Eighteenth

Annual Communication at Masonic Hall in the City of Trenton, on Wednesday, March 22, A.D. 1905, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother JOHN H. WILKINSON, Grand Master.

We are not quite sure whether this Grand Lodge holds an Annual Grand Communication, as we do, or simply an Annual Communication, as we find both given in the Proceedings before us. We likewise see our old friend "To be read in the Lodges," on the front and title pages. We suspect the Proceedings are, as one Grand Master suggested, "read by its title."

Grand Lodge welcomed the Grand Master of Delaware, Most Worshipful Brother R. HENRY YOUNG, who was accompanied by Past Grand Master GUTHRIE and Past Grand Treasurer MORROW. After an opening, beautiful in its Masonic teaching, the Grand Master in his address gives an account of his stewardship. He reported the death of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother WILLIAM S. WHITEHEAD, whose engraved portrait we are glad to have, as well as that of the retiring Grand Master which forms the frontispiece.

We do not recall to have noticed that in this Jurisdiction they have "District Grand Lodges," but, being a "furrin" land, our Jersey Brethren may do as is done in some other "furrin" lands.

The number of Lodges we do not find stated, but, by adding one for the new Lodge, to the number given us last year by Most Worshipful Brother BELCHER, we get 174; we are more than ever in hopes that dear Brother Grand Secretary REDWAY will give us the number in his annual report; raised 1941; total membership, 23,487, a gain of 1386. Receipts, including balance \$6,216.21 (though printed \$6,2216.21) were \$30,275.37; disbursements, \$8,572.14; balance, \$21,703.23.

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The record states:

“ Letters and telegrams expressing regret at their inability to be present were received from R. W. Brother James W. Brown, Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania; M. W. Brother Frank H. Robinson, Grand Masters of Masons in New York, and M. W. Brother Edw. M. L. Ehlers, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York.

“ On motion, these several communications were ordered placed on file.”

Grand Lodge Valle de Mexico was recognized and Puerto Rico, Queensland and Brazil were deferred.

Taking the subject into consideration, at the suggestion of the Grand Master, the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence saw “ no good reason for departing from the rule existing in New Jersey, that a Lodge holds jurisdiction over a rejected candidate until surrendered by the action of the Lodge itself.”

New Jersey is to require from visitors, unless duly vouched for, documentary evidence as to their good and regular Masonic standing.

A Past Grand Master's jewel was ordered for the retiring Grand Master.

A full report of the Masonic Home is given, and an Emergent Communication was held there for the dedication of the Orphanage Building, on October 14, 1904, on which occasion Past Grand Master WALLIS delivered a fine oration. The Grand Master is to appoint annually hereafter a “ Visitors' Day.”

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by the Chairman, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother W. HOLT APGAR, his first, and, for the present at least, his last, as his name does not appear on the new Committee, which we regret, as Brother HOLT has prepared an excellent and interesting report.

Under Alabama, Brother HOLT makes a correction, as we did:

“The Grand Master, however, is in error in his list of distinguished dead from Pennsylvania, as we can assure him that we saw and conversed with R. W. Edgar A. Tennis, Past Grand Master of that jurisdiction, in October, 1904, and at present writing (February, 1905,) he is still one of the living Past Grand Masters of the Keystone jurisdiction.”

Under British Columbia, we are glad to receive the information given in the following:

“Now, Brother Smith, your advice to the Grand Lodge of Washington may be very much needed and welcomed by it; your criticisms of our ‘construction of this remarkable sentence’ may be very just, and your belief in the utter fallacy of the position of our Grand Lodge may be entirely to your way of thinking; yet, if harmony between the two Grand Lodges is what Washington and New Jersey desire,—and our Grand Lodge, when the writer was Grand Master, certainly did so desire—will you, my good Brother, show how you have helped either one or the other? You may say we do not act as though we wanted an intermediary. I reply that neither do we act as though we wanted one who would blow to life the dying embers.

“As Grand Master, in reply to a very courteous letter from the then Grand Master of Washington, the writer made reply, to which we had every reason to expect an acknowledgment. Not receiving it, we did not conclude that henceforth there was no common ground, and reported to our last Grand Lodge Communication the ‘remarkable sentence’ referred to. We then knew, and now unhesitatingly state, that New Jersey desires to be in fraternal relations with all duly accredited Grand Lodges, and when we can do so without disregarding any of what we believe are fundamental

rights and privileges, we hasten to do so; but when we believe such have been disregarded, frankly asking for a clear and explicit explanation or statement, we consider to be justly our due. We await for the same. If your advice is taken, we wait in vain."

In this connection we quote our Brother under South Dakota:

"We imagined that after our courteous note, when Grand Master, to the Grand Master of Washington, in re what might be termed the 'Upton episode, and no acknowledgment, even of its reception, was made, that we might be mistaken in attributing a lack of fraternity to this oversight. Brother Brown's remarks, however, upon the review by the Committee on Correspondence of Washington, will probably strengthen us in the belief that there was and is a lack of something which the members in that State should see is supplied."

It appears that Grand Master MILLER, of Iowa, and Past Grand Master HOLT are exactly of the same age, and the latter writes:

"Well, if when this review reaches Iowa, he shall have joined with us, the ranks of the Past Grand Masters, he will join in saying that we are still *very* young men; old age has as yet not come nigh us."

Why, of course; they are mere youngsters—hardly out of their "teens."

Under Oregon, we quote:

"M. W. J. M. Hodson presents an excellent review of the several Grand Lodges which have passed before him, and we read his conclusion with more than ordinary interest, although among some of the extreme Western jurisdictions the idea of 'Modernism' in Freemasonry has taken deep

root, and some 'red-hot' ones may overstep a little the fraternal courtesy they should extend in attempting to deride that with which they do not agree, yet Oregon and Brother Hodson are opposed to casting aside that which was and existed before some of those Grand Lodges were ever dreamed of. We heartily welcome him to the ranks of those Grand Lodges which are such old fossils, and join him in his praise of Pennsylvania and its adherence to the 'old traditions.' Physical imperfections may give us all cause to differ, but common sense in the application of the 'Landmark' will undoubtedly bring us all pretty close together, allowing for the different glasses through which we look at the objects."

Four pages are given to Pennsylvania for 1904, mostly taken up by a summary of the Communications, and by the addresses of Grand Masters TENNIS and BROWN. Our report was "read with much pleasure," and we are "a worthy successor of Past Grand Master MICHAEL ARNOLD," which is most complimentary.

Most Worshipful Brother BENJAMIN F. WAKEFIELD, of Passaic, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother THOMAS H. R. REDWAY, of Trenton, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

NEW MEXICO—1904.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Mexico began its Twenty-seventh Annual Communication in the Hall of Temple Lodge, No. 6, in the City of Albuquerque, on Monday, October 17, A.D. 1904, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother J. C. SLACK, M.D., Grand Master.

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

We regret to learn that the Grand Master prepared his address with great difficulty, having been ill with facial paralysis for two months. Possibly this may have something to do with the following extract from his address:

“ The question of Perpetual Jurisdiction continues to arise from time to time, and is a source of annoyance to almost every Grand Master throughout the United States, and one I think that should be settled one way or the other by every Grand Jurisdiction. Then the Grand Masters in passing upon this vexed question would have a Grand Lodge by-law on which to base their actions. In my report of decisions made by me during the present year, on the question ‘ Do you recognize perpetual jurisdiction? ‘ I answered emphatically ‘ No,’ thereby leaving it open for this Grand Body to sustain or reject my decision as in their judgment they deem best. At any rate I trust that it may result in this Grand Body placing itself on record on this question one way or the other. This decision was made in answer to a telegram received by me from Cerrillos Lodge No. 19, on February 2, 1904, which read as follows:

“ ‘ Do you recognize perpetual jurisdiction held by other Grand Lodges?’

“ In answer to this I wired. ‘ No. Wait for letter.’

“ I then wrote them as follows: ‘ Your message received and answered. I now write you in detail. Sixteen Grand Lodges recognize the law of perpetual jurisdiction and twenty-nine do not. Speaking for myself, I am decidedly of the opinion that it is contrary to the spirit of Masonry. Masonry wants all the material it can get, provided always that it is of the right kind, and when an applicant who has proven himself to be all that is required of our Order, seeks admission, he should not in my opinion be held back by the law of perpetual jurisdiction when his rejection may have been through malice. I think, however, it would be well for the lodge where such applicant applies to correspond with the

lodge that rejected him and obtain such information as they can relative to the cause. In conclusion, will say that individually, I do not approve of or recognize perpetual jurisdiction.

“ ‘ Fraternally yours,

“ ‘ DR. J. C. SLACK, G. M.

“ On February 25, I received a communication from one of the investigating committee on the case in question and with it nine letters from prominent business men from the home of the applicant, men that had known him all his life, and all speaking in the highest terms of him with reference to character and reputation. Also a letter from the Secretary of the Lodge that rejected him, in which he states that he thinks that the rejection was wrong and due to spite-work, as the young man had always borne a good character and was well deserving to be made a Mason.

“ These letters will be turned over to the Committee on Grand Master’s address for their examination.

“ While on this subject of perpetual jurisdiction, I desire to say that two wrongs does not make a right, and fail to see wherein I should concur with acts of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, when all the evidence shows that it is an injustice done to a very deserving and upright young man, and this rule of perpetual jurisdiction is certainly contrary to the true principles of Masonry. Freemasonry professes to leave all of their applicants as good as they found them. For that one reason we are strictly forbidden to make known to the profane their rejection. In fact the penalty for so doing is the greatest within the power of Masonry, viz: Expulsion. Now, has the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania left this young man in as good condition as they found him? I answer No. They have endeavored to place a ban on him that would follow him through life, and that, perhaps, through the spite-work of some brother who is this man’s inferior and has abused the sacred privilege of the ballot-box; and I wish to further state that a brother casting a black ball from

unworthy motives, commits a three-fold Masonic offense, intensified by the fact that it is a coward's act, struck from ambush and in the dark."

Just when and where "Freemasonry professes to leave all their applicants as good as they found them," we confess we are unable to say. Indeed we may say that we have our doubts on that subject, for when an applicant is rejected it shows that there is a Masonic objection to his being made a member of the Craft, and we cannot help thinking that when that is done, the applicant is certainly left *not* "as good as they found him." In the case in question, one Brother, the Secretary, thinks that the rejection "was wrong and due to spite-work." The Brother *may* be right, or he may be wrong in his opinion, and we do not undertake to say that the rejection may not have been due to spite-work; but our experience has taught us that while there may be as many as nine business men who do not know of the existence of a Masonic objection to an applicant, yet in spite of that fact, a Masonic objection may exist, known only to one or two Brethren. Perhaps, later, if this "young man," presents another petition, it may be found that the objection no longer exists. We sympathize with Grand Master SLACK's opinion of a Brother "who casts a black-ball with an unworthy motive," but the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has not endeavored to do the dreadful thing that Grand Master SLACK intimates, the fact being that some Brother or Brethren had a Masonic objection to the petitioner in the case in question, as the ballot showed.

Just here we may quote what Brother DEWOLF SMITH, of British Columbia, wrote in his report for 1905, when referring to what we have quoted above from Grand Master SLACK's address:

"We do not agree with the Grand Master's statement that 'Masonry needs all the material it can get, etc.' Neither do

we agree with the sentiment of the last sentence of the extract above quoted. The Grand Master has no right to assume that this applicant was rejected through 'spite-work.' It is every Brother's privilege to deposit a white ball or a black one as his conscience dictates, and his motives are just as likely to be pure as those of his critics. It is possible that the Brother who black balled this candidate knew more about him than did some of the other members of the Lodge. Even in our short experience we have known of more than one candidate who seemed to be all that was desirable and who was rejected, to the astonishment of most of the Lodge, but after-events so uniformly proved the correctness of the rejection that we have ceased to feel hurt when the (apparently) most desirable candidate is black balled."

Number of Lodges, including two under dispensation, 24; initiated, 143; total membership, 1431, a gain of 174. Receipts, including balance of \$1,891.84, were \$4,131.84; disbursements, \$1,368.55; balance, \$2,763.29.

A Past Grand Master's jewel was ordered for the retiring Grand Master.

From the minutes of the Emergent Communications, it appears that it is not necessary to have the Grand Master present that the Grand Lodge of New Mexico may be opened in *ample* form.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by the Chairman, Brother WILLIAM H. SEAMON, his eighth—and last, we regret to state. It was most fitting that a committee should be appointed, as it was, to draft a resolution expressing appreciation of his great services.

In his conclusion, Brother SEAMON introduces his successor, "Past Grand Master JAMES H. WROTH, the ablest and most influential member of our Grand Lodge." Brother SEAMON tells us that he has had to perform his "work under difficulties, most of it being done while riding on

trains, and frequently in camp, in the mountains of the Southwest, by the flickering light of the camp fire." He concludes:

"I now bid each member of the corps farewell, thanking each and every one for the courtesies I have always received. If, at times, I have written harshly, I apologize and ask for forgiveness. I carry with me into my retirement none but fragrant memories of the courteous and able Knights of the Round Table and the hope that, while you give a hearty welcome to my successor, there will yet sometimes be a kindly recollection of

"Yours Fraternally,

"W. H. SEAMON,

"Chairman Committee on Foreign Correspondence."

We regret to part with Brother SEAMON, and wish for him length of days, wealth of friends, and the best of health to enjoy both.

We are interested in our Brother's testimony that "Observation covering twenty-four States shows that the best working lodges are generally found in those jurisdictions which use the 'mouth to ear' method." His tribute to the generosity of our California Brothers is most just. He rightly urges the importance of the social side of Masonry, and we agree with him that "men are not made good by the making of laws, but by the proper interpretation and enforcement of principles."

Pennsylvania for 1903 comes in for more than four pages, generous extracts being made from Grand Master TENNIS's address. This writer is very kindly said to be "a worthy successor of Brother ARNOLD in the chairmanship," and Brother SEAMON then says that our "opinion on physical qualifications is sound," quoting something that we cannot locate, did not write, and do not hold to, holding as we do to the physical perfection doctrine, and maintaining, as our

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Brother quotes us, that the Craft “was, and is, and ought to be a body of picked men.”

Most Worshipful Brother GEORGE W. WARD, of Las Vegas, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother ALPHAEUS A. KEEN, of Albuquerque, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

NEW SOUTH WALES—1905.

THE United Grand Lodge of New South Wales, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, held a Quarterly Communication in the Masonic Hall, Sydney, on Wednesday, September 14, A.D. 1904.

The Most Worshipful Brother JOHN C. REMINGTON, Grand Master.

The two most important matters at this Quarterly were the donation of £145 to five charities, and the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Queensland.

At the December Quarterly, the 14th day, the Grand Master reported the visit of the Deputy Grand Master and himself, with seventeen other Grand Lodge officers to Brisbane, 725 away, to instal the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Queensland. A full account of that most interesting event accompanies the Proceedings.

The Proceedings of the other Quarterlies, and the report of the Committee on Correspondence have failed to reach us.

Most Worshipful Brother JOHN C. REMINGTON, of Sydney, Grand Master, re-elected; Very Worshipful Brother ARTHUR H. BRAY, of Sydney, Grand Secretary, continued.

NEW YORK—1905.

THE Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York began its One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Annual Communication in the Masonic Hall, in the City of New York, on Tuesday, May 2, A.D. 1905, and closed two days later.

Most Worshipful Brother FRANK H. ROBINSON, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master is an interesting document. He pays loving tribute to the memory of those Brethren of his great Jurisdiction who have entered the beyond, and records the losses sustained by other Jurisdictions in the death of Grand and Past Grand Officers.

A few years ago, New York gave up what is usually called the doctrine of *perpetual jurisdiction*, and limited what the Grand Master calls "penal jurisdiction to twelve months;" but it requires "that a person rejected while a resident of another Grand Lodge Jurisdiction and now a resident here, shall comply with the laws of the Jurisdiction in which he was rejected before his initiation can legally take place with us."

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom the matter was referred, reported that "it was not prepared, at the present time, to advise aggressive action on this subject, and that they believed it better to acquiesce, for the present, in what seems unjust to them than to re-open this mooted question." Our New York Brethren can hardly expect us to follow their example and abandon the position which we and they, until recently, have consistently and, as we believe, with such good grounds, maintained. As we have said in a former report, rejection of a petitioner by the ballot has established the fact that there is a Masonic objection to that person being received into the Fraternity; that Masonic objection may or may not be removed; and the only way by which the fact that

the objection has been removed can be ascertained is the same way in which it was established, namely by ballot in the Lodge where the rejection took place.

Number of Lodges, 767, a gain of 4; initiated, 9890; total membership, 132,687, a gain of 6510. Receipts, including balance of \$76,234.38, were \$182,171.57; disbursements, \$98,840.49; balance, \$83,331.08.

That there might be no uncertainty as to its position regarding the use of written or printed or of written and printed ritual work and lectures, an amendment was adopted by Grand Lodge including in the prohibition "Brethren" as well as "Lodges."

Grand Master ROBINSON stated that in an address in November, 1904, he called attention to the fact that Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother DANIEL D. TOMPKINS, for eight years Vice-President of the United States, was buried in New York "with no monument to mark his resting place, and no bronze or marble in all this great land of ours to perpetuate his memory," and called for offerings that the Fraternity might show its appreciation of a Governor, a Vice-President and a Grand Master, and a considerable sum had been received. Permission has been obtained from the Board of Aldermen to erect such a monument in Central Park or other park in the City of New York.

The Masonic Sanitorium for Consumptives is progressing, as is the Temple of the Brooklyn Masonic Guild.

An interesting event was the visit of twenty of the children from the Masonic Home at Utica. (We see, in passing, that Past Grand Master SUTHERLAND, who was appointed a member of the Committee to receive the children, while entitled "M.: W.:" is not mentioned as Past Grand Master, but as Past Master of Frank R. Lawrence Lodge, No. 787.)

The Masonic Home, on March 31, 1905, contained three hundred and three inmates, with a waiting list of over fifty. Plans are maturing for a substantial addition to the Home, of the workings of which we have full and detailed reports.

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The Grand Historian, Right Worshipful Brother EDWIN A. QUICK, is continuing his most valuable work.

Grand Librarian POPE in his report makes acknowledgment of books received from, among others, "Geo. P. Rupp, Grand Librarian of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania."

An interesting and very valuable report was submitted by a special committee of five Past Grand Masters upon the bookkeeping and accounting of all departments of Grand Lodge, and certain changes were recommended.

The following important amendment to the penal code of New York the Grand Master announced had just become a law:

" §567-a. Obtaining by fraud or without authority signature to applications or property for degrees, secrets or membership in secret fraternities.—A person who willfully by color or aid of any false token or writing, or other false pretense or false statement, verbal or written, or without authority of the Grand Lodge hereinafter mentioned, obtains the signature of any person to any written application, or any money or property for any alleged or pretended degree, or for any alleged or pretended secret work, or for any alleged or pretended secrets of, or membership in any secret fraternal association, society, order or organization having a Grand Lodge in this State, or in any subordinate lodge or body thereof, is punishable by imprisonment for not more than three years or by a fine to an amount not exceeding the value of the money or property obtained, or both.

" §2. This act shall take effect September first, nineteen hundred and five.

The recognition of Queensland was deferred and the application of the Grand Lodge of France was declined.

At the beginning of the Proceedings we have portraits of Grand Master ROBINSON, and Most Worshipful Brother HORACE S. TAYLOR, who was Grand Master in 1881.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Chairman, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother JESSE B. ANTHONY, his seventeenth and, alas! his last, for he received within three weeks the summons to the Celestial Grand Lodge.

The report follows our Brother's usual lines, he collecting what is of most interest and importance for his Brethren, and commenting wisely and most kindly as he proceeded.

We quote, under Maine, the following relating to the reply to an inquiry by the Grand Lodge of Maine with reference to the close relation of the Grand Orient of Belgium with the Grand Orient of France:

"In our judgment the point at issue is not the religious belief of the individual members of the Grand Orient of Belgium, nor of its official relations with the Grand Orient of France, but does the Grand Orient of Belgium permit a denial of the existence of God—the Supreme Being—and also countenance the banishment of the Bible from the Masonic altar of its Lodges?

"Efforts have been made in several instances to obtain direct and positive answers to inquiries of this character, but no authoritative reply has been made thereto. Liberty, Equality and Tolerance do not take the place of the essential requirement of a belief in God, and the apparent disinclination of an affirmation upon that point naturally subjects the Grand Orient of Belgium to a possible misconception of its position and practice.

"Our information, based upon the report of a brother who visited Lodges of the Grand Orient of Belgium and also held Masonic intercourse with influential members of that Grand Body, is that a belief in God is required. In view of the fact that a contrary claim is made, an official announcement by the Grand Orient is very desirable."

We may note that on page 157, in our Brother's authorized list of Chairmen of the Committees on Correspondence, the

address of this writer is given incorrectly; it should be Harrisburg.

Pennsylvania for 1903 is well reviewed. The address of Grand Master TENNIS is "an able state paper." Our report is "an able and scholarly review."

Most Worshipful Brother FRANK H. ROBINSON, of Hornellsville, Grand Master, re-elected; Most Worshipful Brother EDWARD M. L. EHLERS, of New York, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

NEW ZEALAND—1905.

THE Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of New Zealand held its Annual Communication in the Masonic Hall, Palmerston North, on Thursday, May 11, A.D. 1905, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother ALFRED H. BURTON, Grand Master.

The Grand Master made a short opening address, and after his installation a second time, he delivered an address, speaking wisely upon the following subjects: First Principles; Quality of Initiates; Our Duty to Younger Brethren; Unattached Brethren, and Unity.

A very interesting Correspondence is given between the Grand Lodges of Scotland and New South Wales, in which the latter sustains itself with great dignity and good temper. We hope that Scotland will meet their Brethren with entire fairness.

A good deal of time was taken up with amendments to Grand Lodge Laws.

The following will interest the younger members of Grand Lodge:

"One of the most pleasurable features of the stay in Palmerston North was the conversazione held in the Lyceum

Theatre for the entertainment of the visitors. *Conversazione* was the modest term applied to it by the promoters, but it assumed the dimensions of a ball, and was in all respects admirably carried out save and except the crowding, which was unavoidable, for the reasons already mentioned. The hall was beautifully decorated, and the arrangements excellent. A sumptuous supper was provided in a marquee on an adjoining allotment. The dancing was interspersed with music by various ladies and gentlemen, and a happy address by the M. W. Grand Master was much appreciated. The manner in which the greybeards of the Craft enjoyed themselves, and their appreciation of Palmerston's youth and beauty, was especially noted."

The following from the address of the Grand Master at the "*conversazione*" contains something entirely new to us:

"We New Zealanders have 'a tolerably guid conceit o' oorsels,' which is scarcely to be wondered at considering the characteristics of that part of the United Kingdom from which so many of us hail, and have no need to put up a special petition in that regard. We know that we live in a country for its size at once the most beautiful and the most wonderful, and I think I may add the most lovable in the world, and a feeling possesses us that we may be able to show most other folk the way to go; but in this matter of instituting Ladies' Masonic Nights we are only following British and American examples. The American brethren even invite ladies to assist (in the French sense) in the beautiful and impressive ceremony of the installation of the Grand Master. We have not yet got this length, but who knows what may come ere long?"

We hope our Most Worshipful Brother will tell us in which American Grand Lodges ladies assist in the installation of the Grand Master.

Number of Lodges, 137, a gain of 8; initiated, 693; total membership, 7221, a gain of 590. Receipts, including balance of \$1890, were \$29,187; disbursements, \$25,389; balance, \$3798.

Queensland was recognized.

No report on Correspondence.

Most Worshipful Brother ALFRED HENRY BURTON, of Dunedin, Grand Master, re-elected; Most Worshipful Brother MALCOLM NICCOL, Dunedin, Grand Secretary, continued.

NORTH CAROLINA—1905.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina began its One Hundred and Eighteenth Annual Communication at the Masonic Hall, in the City of Raleigh, on Tuesday, January 10, A.D. 1905, and closed two days later.

Most Worshipful Brother W. S. LIDDELL, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master shows a diligent, efficient Grand Officer. He was most fortunate in being able to report "There have been no deaths among members of this Grand Lodge during the year." We doubt very much whether any other Grand Master could make a similar report. During the year he granted 8 dispensations for new Lodges. The effort made by the Grand Master to have his Brethren pledge themselves to pay two dollars per annum for five years, for the new Temple did not meet with the success he hoped for, though a goodly sum was pledged. The plan is to erect a seven-story building of "slow-burning, steel construction, at a cost of about \$80,000 or \$90,000." About \$15,000 is needed to carry out the Committee's plans, and we have no doubt the Brethren will not be found wanting.

The recommendation of the Grand Master that the salary

of the Grand Secretary, should be increased from \$700 to \$1200, we are glad to say was adopted.

Number of Lodges, including 10 under dispensation, 343, a gain of 3; initiated, 1268; total membership, 14,578, a gain of 915. Receipts, including balance of \$2,526.25, were \$11,961.80; disbursements, \$10,006.28; balance, \$1,955.52.

The reports of the workings of the Oxford Orphan Asylum are complete, and interesting. The address of the Grand Orator, Brother T. C. LINN, is given in full, the Brother receiving the thanks of Grand Lodge for his effort.

It was agreed to attend the inauguration ceremonies of the Governor-elect, Brother R. B. GLENN, he having been made a Master Mason only a few weeks previously.

A vote of thanks was extended to Brother JOHN A. COLLINS, the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, "for the very able, interesting and instructive reports which for a number of years he has presented, the same being the result of much labor and of careful research and study on his part." This is well deserved recognition of sterling merit.

A silver service was presented to Brother G. ROSENTHAL, Treasurer of the Orphan Asylum, a beautiful tribute being paid to the worth of that Brother by Brother SAMUEL H. SMITH. How much better it is to let a Brother know that his zeal and efficiency are appreciated while he is with us, than to wait until his ears are sealed in death, to let our thoughts be known.

The portrait of the late Senator RANSOM forms the frontispiece, and from the biographical sketch of this able Brother we quote:

"Before the war, and while residing in Warrenton, the subject of this sketch took the Entered Apprentice degree of a Mason in Johnston-Caswell Lodge. His marriage and removal from the county delayed his further advancement, as his active and strenuous life was directed to other matters, and

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in the meantime the charter of the lodge had been surrendered, but was subsequently restored. Later on, when his life was full of honors and full of years and the sunset drew near, he again appeared at the door of the lodge and craved admittance. He was asked by what right he hoped to secure the reward, and unable to satisfactorily answer, he was denied admission. For Masonry is no respecter of persons, but it clothes its Grand Master with prerogatives, which, like charity, may cover acts of omission and commission. Exercising this power, the Grand Master issued his dispensation, the lodge was convened, and accompanied by many friends, this grand old man was made a Master Mason."

In the proceedings of a Special Communication, we find the following:

"The Most Worshipful Grand Master announced that this Special Communication was called for the purpose of installing the officers of a number of lodges and to stimulate and encourage Masonry in this community."

If Masonry in that, or any other community, has to be "stimulated and encouraged" in the manner indicated, we say "For goodness sake, don't!"

The report on Correspondence is by the Chairman of the Committee, Brother Doctor JOHN A. COLLINS, his ninth. We have noted the action of his Brethren in recognizing the good work of Brother COLLINS. Our Brother does not comment as much as we could desire.

Under Illinois, we note the following:

"The printed report of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, like that of Pennsylvania, is our ideal of the form in which these ugly things should be presented. Take this, for instance:

“GOLDEN RULE LODGE No. 726. }
 “*vs.*
 “_____”

“We recommend that the action of the lodge be sustained.”

We sympathize and agree with Brother COLLINS, under Kansas:

“We are old foggy enough to believe that the tragedy exemplified in conferring the Master Mason degree in the old, simple way was highly dramatic and impressive, but not so in Kansas.”

We note that our Brother is not partial to making of Masons at sight. We agree under North Dakota:

“We fail to see any ‘appropriate occasion’ for these displays [of the American flag] by Masonic Lodges or Grand Lodges. Masons generally in North Dakota and elsewhere are good men, but they can make no just claim to a monopoly of the civic and other virtues, or to a proprietary right to the flag. We hope the good brethren will leave off this show business and be all the better for it.”

Pennsylvania for 1903 receives thorough review. Of Grand Master TENNIS’s valedictory address, Brother COLLINS says:

“His address at the Annual Grand Communication of December 28th, in the nature of a valedictory, is an excellent paper and bears evidence of thoughtful preparation. Many subjects affecting the interests of Grand Lodge and of Masonry in general are forcibly and eloquently discussed by Brother Tennis, and the message as a whole is entitled to rank with the best of its kind.”

Commenting upon one of the decisions, our Brother says:

“As to No. 4, it is not apparent why a dead Mason’s representative or friend may not be allowed to pay a debt to his lodge, as would be done in the case of any other creditor, unless, indeed, it is intended to carry punishment for non-payment of dues even beyond the grave.”

It is apparent to us that it was *a fact* which nothing can alter that the Brother *when he died* was a *suspended* Brother.

We are pleased to have Brother COLLINS express himself as glad to find himself in accord with us in many things.

Referring to our remarks as to the opening of Grand Lodge in *ample* form when no Grand Officer was present, and our hope for first names in place of initials, Brother COLLINS says:

“We hope these little things will in time be corrected so that our brother will see fewer incongruities.”

We may remark that they are not corrected in the Proceedings under review. On the back of the title page where the addresses of sixteen Grand Officers are printed, we find the first name of but two (the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary) given. We may say that our comment is prompted by no wish to be captious; we believe it a very important matter that Brethren should be clearly identified, and we also do not believe that initials serve that purpose.

Most Worshipful Brother W. (?) S. LIDDELL, of Charlotte, Grand Master, re-elected; Right Worshipful Brother JOHN C. DREWRY, of Raleigh, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

NORTH DAKOTA—1905.

THE Grand Lodge A.: F.: and A.: M.: of the State of North Dakota began its Sixteenth Annual Communication in the Lodge Room of the Masonic Temple, in the City of

Grand Forks, on Tuesday, June 27, A.D. 1905, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother JAMES W. FOLEY, Grand Master.

The annual address of the Grand Master, whose portrait forms the frontispiece, shows a careful administration. From the newly erected Masonic Temple in which the Grand Lodge met, lessons of Masonic symbolism were drawn. He submitted to Grand Lodge a request made by a Lodge that it be allowed to hold some of its meetings at a village six miles distant. The matter was referred to a special committee which reported, properly we think, against the proposal.

Number of Lodges, including two under dispensation, 74; initiated, 342; total membership, 5153, a gain of 306. Receipts, including balance of \$8,148.38, were \$13,763.75; disbursements, \$4,290.49; balance, \$9,473.26.

It was decided to continue for five years longer a library tax of ten cents upon each member.

Puerto Rico and Queensland were recognized.

From the report of the Committee on Necrology we take the following:

“CHARLES M. SWAIN: Died July 23, 1904, aged fifty-four years. J.: G.: W.: Pennsylvania at time of death. A man of genial qualities, and respected by his brethren.

“GEORGE E. WAGNER: Born May 18, 1842; died Sept. 30, 1904. P.: G.: M.: Pennsylvania; enlisted as a private in the Civil War; was discharged a Brevet Colonel U. S. Volunteers; was severely wounded at the battle of Olustee.”

On motion of Past Grand Master CAROTHERS, the writer of the report on Correspondence, the following was unanimously carried after a discussion had been had as to what should be incorporated in the report:

“That the work of the Correspondent be modified and

limited to a compilation of the approved decisions and important legislation of the various Grand Lodges.”

When we came across the following

“AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS

(Extending the Ancient Masonic Privileges to A. Lewis).”

we wondered what Mr. A. Lewis had done to merit the extension of said privileges. Upon looking at a subsequent report of the Committee on By-laws, we found that the amendment, which was adopted, permits the son of a Mason, whom we take to be a “Lewis,” and also the nephew of a Mason, to be balloted for in the last six months of his twenty-first year, the initiation, however, not to take place till he shall have attained the age of twenty-one.

Our North Dakota Brethren have troubles of their own, as witness this from the Proceedings:

“Just as the tellers had finished counting the ballots for Bro. Grant S. Hager, Deputy Grand Master, an awful hail storm broke over the city, destroying all of the windows at the Grand East, and the wind scattered the Secretary’s papers and the ballots promiscuously over the lodge room. The brethren rushed to the dining room for tables and barricaded the windows of the lodge room with them, holding them in place through great efforts. The streets were filled for the time being with runaway horses, it being impossible for the drivers to live in the fusillade of hailstones which fell. The Grand Secretary had fortunately made a memorandum of the ballot which he preserved from the ravages of the storm. Some were unkind enough to say that the storm came as a result of Brother Hager’s election, but Brother Hager declared that it was the applause of Heaven. Whatever the cause, it was an event which the members of the Grand Lodge

will not soon forget. It is needless to say that confusion prevailed among the workmen and the dignity of the occasion was forgotten in the excitement of the moment. In due time order was restored, none of the brethren were injured, and Peace and Harmony prevailed."

Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother WALTER L. STOCKWELL, the Grand Orator, took for his topic "Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love: A Twentieth Century Interpretation." The oration is given in full in an appendix.

The Correspondence report is by Most Worshipful Brother ROBERT M. CAROTHERS, who last year was unable to prepare a report on account of illness. Thinking a change from the usual form would be beneficial, our Brother presents "a digest of the approved decisions, the legislative enactment, if you please, and, at the same time, the judicial determinations of the several Grand Lodges,—the legislative and judicial departments being very closely interwoven in the system of Masonry."

Grand Secretary THOMPSON, careful as always, adds under Brother CAROTHER'S heading, "Compiled Decisions and Resolutions from Proceedings of other Grand Lodges," "Note.—The following decisions and resolutions are for general information, not the law of this Grand Lodge, and Masters and others should not be governed by them in absence of similar law in this grand jurisdiction."

The work of Brother CAROTHERS is decidedly of interest, though we hardly think it will be popular with his Brethren of North Dakota, but it seems to be in accord with the action reported above.

Most Worshipful Brother LOUIS A. JACOBSON, of Hope, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother FRANK J. THOMPSON, of Fargo, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

NOVA SCOTIA—1904.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia began its Thirty-ninth Annual Communication in Freemasons' Hall, Halifax, on Wednesday, June 8, A.D. 1904, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother the Honorable WILLIAM ROSS, M.P., Grand Master.

It had been the intention to hold this Communication at Sydney, but owing to an outbreak of smallpox in that city, the Deputy Grand Master decided that it was wisest to make a change. The Grand Lodge approved this action, and directed the next Annual Communication to be held at Sydney.

The address of the Grand Master was rather brief, and to the point. We quote from his conclusion :

“ Brethren, I cannot close this account of my stewardship without expressing my thanks for the honor conferred upon me by my election as your Grand Master. I not only appreciate it as a compliment paid to an old man and one of the oldest members of this Body within this Jurisdiction, but I feel proud of being considered worthy to assume the responsibility of such a position. I regret that the limited time at my disposal separate from my political duties has tended to lessen my usefulness as your Grand Master. Being now an old man, having in December last entered on my seventy-ninth year, finished my fifty-first year as a Freemason, and having had the honor of being Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary for nearly twelve years, I deem it in the interests of Grand Lodge that I would not again seek even a nomination as Grand Master. This honorable and responsible position will, I trust, fall to the lot of a young, active and, above all, intelligent and energetic Brother who would take up more successfully the labors neglected by me. As already

explained, my political duties as the representative of my native county, Victoria, in the Commons at Ottawa, have largely interfered with the Masonic duties I was expected to perform."

Our Brother's election was a fitting recognition of faithful effort and service. He reported the death of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother CHARLES J. MACDONALD, whose memory was fittingly and lovingly honored.

The following, from the address of the Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother AUGUSTUS J. WOLFF, who at the time was acting Grand Master, records an interesting occurrence:

"Sept. 2.—Granted Virgin Lodge, No. 3, dispensation for the following purposes: With permission of the M. W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to open a Lodge under its warrant in the Lodge room of Mount Olivet Lodge, Cambridge, Mass., and confer upon Bro. Arthur Lacey Baker (a Craftsman of Virgin Lodge), the Master Mason's degree.

"To wear white aprons on the occasion for the sake of uniformity, the other part of the Regalia being white.

"To the W. M. authority was granted to appoint officers *pro tem.* for the purpose of assisting him in conferring the degree.

"In connection with the visit of Virgin and St. Andrew's Lodges to Mount Olivet of Cambridge, Mass., I am pleased to note the good feeling manifested by this friendly and social intercourse, and that the ties of brotherhood have been strengthened between us and our neighboring Republic, let us hope even beyond the seas,—yea, because the sons and soldiers of our beloved Empire assembled as guests of Boston's Commonwealth, adding lustre to this unique occasion as well as Masonic love, as these Lodges joined hands with

Britain's Peer under the protection of the Stars and Stripes from the Citadel, whilst the Union Jack floated to the breeze at Bunker Hill."

From the report of the Committee upon that Brother's address we take the following:

"The visit of Virgin Lodge and St. Andrew's Lodge to Mount Olivet Lodge, of Cambridge, Mass., was an event of unusual interest, since it not only denoted, but did actually increase that international feeling of unity and good feeling which should ever actuate all true Masons whenever they meet or part and tending to show that no matter where Masons meet, whether at home or in foreign climes—a Mason is sure to find a Brother and a Friend. It was a graceful act on the part of the United States authorities to allow the flag of England to float over Bunker Hill—that flag which no matter where it floats is an emblem of liberty to the oppressed, and a sure refuge for every son that claims its protection, and is breathed in the words:—" 'Tis a glorious charter, deny it who can—'Tis breathed in the winds, I'm an Englishman;" while almost equal to it, is the "Star Spangled Banner," that with equal honor protects its subjects from all things that may prove injurious either to their honor or their pride. The tie that binds the two countries together is of no ordinary strength and long may it continue and that the friendly relations may never be sundered, is not only the opinion of your Committee, but is, we are sure, the entire and heartfelt sentiment of this august body."

Number of Lodges, including one under dispensation, 65; initiated, 333; total membership, 4171; a gain of 289. Receipts, including balance of \$1,962.41, were \$8,857.90; disbursements, \$6,724.12; balance, \$2,133.78.

The Deputy Grand Master of Prince Edward Island,

Right Worshipful Brother A. J. McLEAN, was a welcome guest.

Telegraphic greetings were exchanged with the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

The plan of erecting a Home for Aged Men is making progress. A contribution of twenty-five cents for each member was asked for, and, in the meanwhile, the Grand Lodge is to advance enough to enable 10 men to be cared for at the Home.

Thanks of Grand Lodge were accorded to the retiring Grand Master, (whose portrait is given at the beginning of these Proceedings,) for a portrait of himself which he had presented to Grand Lodge. We are glad to have also the portrait of Grand Secretary MOWBRAY.

A "suit of regalia" was ordered for the Grand Treasurer and the Permanent Grand Chaplain, in appreciation of services.

The report on Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful Brother THOMAS MOWBRAY, Past District Deputy Grand Master, and is well done. We judged last year from our Brother's report that he was conservative, and our judgment is confirmed. He does not believe in laying corner-stones on Sunday, while he is free to admit that, though Grand Representatives have nothing to do, he would not like to see the time-honored custom abolished.

We quote, under Idaho:

"The Grand Master delivered a very excellent address giving an account of his official acts during the year. His visit to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, when it was celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the initiation of Bro. George Washington into the Fraternity, was an event of more than ordinary interest, as many Brethren of eminence both in the Fraternity and in national affairs, were present on that memorable occasion. Bro. Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, being one of the number assem-

bled together to do honour to the memory of one well deserving the respect of a grateful nation."

We venture to suggest that our Brother take his history of early Masonry in America from Brother NICKERSON, "*cum grano salis*."

We agree heartily, under South Dakota:

"We would like to know what good object can be served by 'Public Installations.' We consider it one of the innovations against which every Master of a Lodge when he is being installed pledges himself to protect his Lodge."

More than five pages of fraternal review are accorded to Pennsylvania for 1903, and quotations are made therefrom. Grand Master TENNIS "delivered a beautifully worded address, containing a review of the numerous official duties he was called upon to perform during the year just ended." Grand Master BROWN delivered "a most excellent inaugural address."

Brother MOWBRAY is considerate enough to say that this writer:

"presents report, and it is just such an one as might be expected from the pen of that talented Brother. Nova Scotia comes in for some mild criticism, but fraternal withal. We thank our good Brother for his explanation regarding what we considered an inconsistency, in withholding a dispensation to elect a Worshipful Master and Senior Warden and grant one to elect a Junior Warden.

"Bro. Lamberton takes issue with us in our remarks on the claim of Grand Master Tennis in his inaugural address in 1902, 'that the Craft in Pennsylvania have more faithfully preserved the features of Ancient Craft Masonry as to ceremony, government and discipline than those of any other Jurisdiction on the face of the earth.' Perhaps we did not

give the matter due consideration when writing our review, as we find on reference to the address that the Grand Master did not claim but merely asserted his belief in the correctness of the statement he then made, as quoted above."

Most Worshipful Brother CHARLES REYNOLDS SMITH, K.C., of Amherst, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother THOMAS MOWBRAY, of Halifax, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

OKLAHOMA—1905

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oklahoma began its Thirteenth Annual Communication in the Hall of the Masonic Temple of the Oklahoma Consistory, in the City of Guthrie, on Tuesday, February 14, A.D. 1905, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother J. FRANK MATHEWS, Grand Master:

Owing to illness, the Grand Master was unable to be present the first day, and his address was read by the Deputy Grand Master.

The Grand Master takes a gloomy view of the times, and the Grand Lodge agrees with him, for we notice that when the Committee on Grand Master's Address recommended non-approval of that portion relating to the financial condition of the country, the Grand Lodge struck it out of their report.

The condition in which the Grand Master found many of the Lodge rooms was not such as to be creditable to the Brethren of Oklahoma. His recommendations on the subject were very wise.

The failure of the bank of which the manager and cashier was the Grand Treasurer was most unfortunate; and the Brethren seemed disinclined to take any steps with regard to his conduct.

The 22 Lodges warranted at the last Annual Communica-

tion were duly constituted by the Grand Master's proxy, and he granted 15 dispensations for new Lodges. This seems a good many, but the Territory is growing rapidly, and our Brethren know best their own needs. The retiring Grand Master's portrait forms the frontispiece.

Number of Lodges, 126, a gain of 15; initiated, 844; total membership, 5976, a gain of 823.

The Grand Secretary removed his office in November to Guthrie, the capital of the Territory.

The Board of Trustees of the Masonic Home seems to have a most energetic and efficient Chairman in Past Grand Master EAGLETON.

We do not find anything further upon the subject than that

“The M.: W.: Grand Master announced that he would appoint the other two members of the committees to confer with the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, relative to consolidation, at a later date.”

The death of Right Worshipful Past Senior Grand Warden Brother STERLING P. RICHARDSON, was announced the morning of the second day, and appropriate action was taken.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by Brother FREDERICK C. HUNT, “Assistant Grand Secretary and Chairman of the Committee,” and yet we have at page 49 a report from that Committee signed “J. S. Hunt, Chairman of the Committee.” We shall leave it to father and son to settle the point, being assured that the chairmanship will be worthily held by either. The report is interesting. The substitution of a “p” for an “l” in “pentalpha,” was too much for Brother HUNT and his dictionary.

Under Connecticut, we agree:

Grand Secretary Barlow “upholds the heresy of California in holding that a member who has examined a brother for admission to a chapter or commandery is entitled to

vouch in the Blue Lodge for the brother so examined. We are free to say that this insidious tendency to subordinate Ancient Craft Masonry to newer and more aristocratic offshoots is one of the serious menaces to the only original Masonry in existence. We will have to turn our eminent Brother over to the tender mercies of Bro. Robbins of Illinois. Go, my Brother, and may Heaven have mercy upon you!"

Under Virginia, Brother HUNT says:

"In answer to the inquiry of Bro. Hunt as to the authority for the statement that the floor of King Solomon's temple was a mosaic pavement, Bro. Eggleston has the courage to say:

"The above is what we in Virginia call an easy one. We now know that the real floor, sixteen feet below the commonly accepted one, is a mosaic one, and have a piece of it in our Grand Secretary's office. That King Solomon saw fit to cover it with planks of fir, etc., does not alter the facts of the case, as Bro. Hunt can demonstrate them by the trifling trouble of taking a trip to Jerusalem with a pick on his shoulder.'

"We are really afraid that the supposed knowledge of Bro. Eggleston upon this subject would hardly rank as scientific if historical and other tests were applied. We think it would be extremely difficult for any person to identify in any manner a single stone or even the exact site of the original temple which Solomon built. There have been so many temples built, destroyed and rebuilt that we seriously question whether the most profound antiquarian could tell where one temple began and another left off. We think it was on record that the court of King Solomon's temple was a mosaic pavement, and the chances are that the digger among these ruins with his pick and shovel may have stumbled onto the pavement of this court and thought he had found the floor

of the temple proper. In our judgment, it is highly improbable that Solomon made a Mosaic pavement for the floor of the temple and then proceeded to cover the beautiful thing from sight with planks of fir and cedar."

We are glad to see that Brother HUNT knows his Shakespeare, and is thoroughly loyal to his beautiful Territory.

Pennsylvania is not to be found in this report. Why, we cannot say. Four copies of our Proceedings for 1904 were sent to Grand Secretary HUNT in March, 1905, and his receipt for the same, dated March 21, 1905, lies before us.

Most Worshipful Brother GEORGE H. PHILLIPS, of Pawnee, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JAMES S. HUNT, of Guthrie, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

OREGON—1905.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Oregon began its Fifty-fifth Annual Communication in Masonic Temple, in the City of Portland, on Wednesday, June 14, A.D. 1905, and closed two days later.

Most Worshipful Brother THOMAS GRAY, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master, rather unduly lengthy owing to the inclusion of reports of his proxies at various functions, opens with some very admirable words as to not judging of the prosperity of the Fraternity by the increase in membership.

Number of Lodges, 107; initiated, 493; total membership, 7322, a gain of 342. Receipts, including balance of \$15,931.86, were \$24,603.23; disbursements, \$6,747.06; balance, \$17,856.17.

Telegraphic greetings were exchanged with Washington and Wisconsin.

The address of the Grand Orator, Brother GEORGE WALL, dwelt upon some points concerning the antiquity of Masonry and connecting the operative with the speculative Mason.

An amendment to the Constitution limiting jurisdiction over rejected applicants to a period of five years was adopted.

We quote with cordial approval the following from the report of a special committee upon the appointment of a "Masonic Day" at the Lewis and Clark Exposition:

"Though every Mason in this state feels justly proud of the appropriation made by the United States, by Oregon, and by the citizens of Portland, properly to celebrate the hardships endured and the privations suffered by Lewis and Clark and their associates in exploring that country 'Where rolls the Oregon,' and of the speedy realization of the fondest hopes of the most sanguine in seeing the 'White City' rise as if by magic to entertain the many visitors who have, and will admire the spacious grounds and stately buildings, and view the wonderful display of the world's products on exhibition. We nevertheless realize that Masonry is characterized by the effort it has always made privately to administer to the relief of the distressed, to assuage the grief of the widows, and to support and educate the orphans, and never to appear as a body in public except to bury the dead or to lay corner-stones of public buildings, and for these reasons we ought not, in our opinion to depart from these 'Ancient Landmarks,' and hence no 'Masonic Day' should be set apart that we might publicly join in celebration."

The report was adopted.

Grand Lodge is wise in moving slowly in the matter of a new Temple.

The portrait of the retiring Grand Master forms the frontispiece, and an interesting biographical sketch of that Most Worshipful Brother is given.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is by the Correspondent, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother JOHN M. HODSON, and is of its usual high order.

We note that our Brother seems to think that Sir CHRISTOPHER WREN was a Grand Master of Masons.

Under British Columbia, we quote:

“ In the ancient days, probably about the time of Nimrod’s Kingdom, the most sacred doctrine taught to man was that of the “ Divine Right ” of Kings to rule, and when a potentate wanted anything done, he appointed somebody to do it, and for the time being made them Captains of whatever particular industry he was cultivating. Before the organization of the Grand Lodge of England, Lodges met and worked by authority of the Sovereign, as patron, and by consent of and under the protection of the Sheriff of the County in which the work was being done. It was the political authorities of England that had controlled and protected the Masonic Fraternity for many years prior to the organization of the ‘ Accepted Grand Lodge.’ And Sir Christopher Wren was the last Operative Grand Master, the Surveyor General and Chief Architect of the government in the rebuilding of the City of London after the great fire, and the construction of St. Paul’s Cathedral. It was the ‘ Divine Right of the King to rule ’ that authorized the Masonic Guild or any other kind of Guild to work. It was his authority, exercised by his appointee as Grand Master, that the brethren obeyed, and after the organization of Speculative Masonry, the authority of the Grand Master remained absolute, and it is yet his “ warrant ” and not a charter issued by a Grand Lodge, that authorizes English Lodges to this day. It is only in democratic countries or those in which the people rule, that Grand Lodges exercise any real authority. Therefore, the succession is plain King to Grand Master, from Grand Master to Lodge, while since the organization in 1717 the Grand Lodge has gradually absorbed the authority of the Grand Master until in some of the American States, his prerogatives are all gone. He is only a presiding officer, to put motions and give casting vote in case of a tie.”

Our Brother is fraternal enough to say that, while he is not favorable to perpetual jurisdiction, he favors respecting those who are.

Under Idaho, Brother HODSON says:

Brother KNEPPER "pokes fun at us, noting that our Grand Master had made no Masons at sight, and afterward says:

" 'Now, we are more than anxious to be posted on all the ancient usages and are willing to admit that making Masons at sight was 'an ancient usage,' so absolutely ancient that its practice among thinking Grand Masters has become positively obsolete.'

"Now, we realize how absolutely tough on us it is to be classed with the 'unthinking' along with such eminent writers as Mackay, Drummond, Singleton, Pillans, Vincel and nearly all the older and better posted American Correspondents. It would be really humiliating if we did not know that the shoe was on the other fellow's foot, and pretty tight at that. Besides, it has been exercised half a dozen times in Pennsylvania since our memory. John Wanamaker is one victim of the obsolete. In the District of Columbia, Admiral Schley is another and rather recent victim. After 'thinking' the matter over and noting the company Grand Master Grace is in, and ourself as one of his advisers and defenders, we don't feel as badly as we did."

Under Wyoming, referring to Grand Master TENNIS's remarks as to the letter "G," our Brother says:

"In point of fact it is not known when or by whom the letter 'G' was injected into the symbolism of Masonry. It can not have been at any very ancient date. The equilateral triangle is the proper emblem for that which it stands. We admit his last remark to be true, but that does not make it necessarily correct. It was certainly after the English name of Deity was known to Masons."

In referring to the opening of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, Brother HODSON seems not to know that the same manner of opening the Grand Lodge has been observed in the Grand Lodge of Maryland for years, and we never heard that that would "jar the Christmas tree clear to the roots."

Pennsylvania for 1904 comes in for full and fraternal review. Grand Master BROWN "delivered an address concerning Masonic affairs for the year. He had been active and able in the discharge of his duties."

Commenting upon the decision as to petitioner with superfluous toes and thumbs, our Brother says:

"It is the first time we ever knew that a man could be too perfect, and in what way an additional toe can interfere with learning the art of serving his Master's Lord is a puzzler; and here is another in which we think he is a little too close communion:

" 'Refused to allow the use of a Lodge room or any part of it for the meetings of the Order of the Eastern Star. That organization is not recognized in this Jurisdiction.'

"Whenever my Lodge-room becomes too 'utter utterly sacred for my wife or daughter or any other brother's wife or daughter to meet in for any laudable purpose, then I'll keep out of it myself; not to speak of Templar use of Masonic Temples or think of the Shrine daring to put its hoof within the portals. We really like nice things, but there is such a thing as being just a little too nice for any earthly use.

" 'It is un-Masonic to use the funds of a Lodge for the payment of the expenses of a banquet when others than Masons are present. Only Masons can be present at a Lodge banquet.'

"After a Lodge has complied with all proper calls for charity and discharged its duty to the Grand Lodge, it is none of the Grand Master's business what it does with the

remainder of its funds, and it is especially small to level a decision of that kind at the wives and daughters of the members, who would as a rule add more politeness, civility, grace and elegance to the banquet than the presence of all the Grand Lodge."

We may say, for our Brother's information, that the Shrine, like the Order of the Eastern Star, is not recognized in this Jurisdiction, and that "the art of serving his Master's Lord," which Brother HODSON refers to, is not "the art," mentioned in the Constitutions of 1723.

Summing up, Brother HODSON says:

"Reports show 447 Lodges with 67,706 members, a gain of 4609 for the year, and the assets of the Grand Lodge reach about two and one half millions, besides trust funds in large sums for various charitable purposes, running into the hundred thousands. The general business seems to be nearly all completed by committees, and the Grand Lodge passes on their work simply by endorsement. Harmony prevails and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania is probably the strongest and most conservative in the world, though not the largest."

Brother HODSON considers our report. Referring to our remark that we failed to see any connection between Thor and Masonry, our Brother enlightens us as follows:

"Notwithstanding there be no connection between Thor and Masonry, some of the legends of Masonry possibly originated in the same regions inhabited by the mythical Thor. If you would trace the authority of the gavel you might find it hinging upon the 'gale' or hammer which stood behind the door of the ancient Northman, ready to be used when age, physical and mental weakness rendered the patriarch unfit to longer rule."

In view of our Brother's remark, under Washington, "If they will dig deeper, they will find out new 'old things' frequently," we are surprised at this:

"We confess that we have never hunted up the authority for the titles of the presiding officers of the Grand Lodges, further than what Mackay says, which is simply that Most Worshipful is the title of the Grand Masters, and Right Worshipful of the Grand Lodge Officers below the rank of Grand Master. He either did not know the Pennsylvania usage, had forgotten it, or thought it of too little importance to write about. If Pennsylvania Masons are satisfied the others ought to be."

It will not take much "digging" to find that "Right Worshipful" was the title applied both to the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge in England in the early days of that Grand Lodge. Referring to the symbolism in the pinnacles of our Temple in Philadelphia, one being higher than the others, Brother HODSON says:

"We are somewhat of a symbolistic crank ourself, but are unable to see anything except the Phalic symbol of the spire considered as a whole. Were the pinnacles all of a kind and of equal height they might be considered as representing the four elements of physical nature, as conceived by the ancient Elusenians, reaching up toward the Infinite, but there was no distinction in importance in their mysteries between Earth, Air, Fire and Water, hence we conclude that the architect put the pinnacles on the spire because he thought they would look nice, and not that he thought to teach a lesson."

We venture to think that if our Brother's thoughts recur to the obligation in the Fellow Craft Degree, he may find something to enlighten him as to the variation of pinnacles.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Our Brother is with us in not “wanting any more ‘General Grands’ in this country.” He does not like “a little bit” our law giving members of Grand Lodge the right to have their votes cast by the Representative, if they are not present. We are sorry.

As to our Brother’s final remarks, we may say that the positions of one *in* and of one *out* of the Fraternity are vastly different; and that by lapse of time frequently Masonic objections that once existed are removed, and that such objection has been removed or no longer exists, is to be determined by a ballot in the Lodge where the existence of the objection was first established.

Most Worshipful WILLIAM H. FLANAGAN, of Grants Pass, Grand Master; Right Worshipful JAMES F. ROBINSON, of Eugene, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND—1905.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of Prince Edward Island held its Thirtieth Annual Communication in Free Masons’ Hall, in the Town of Souris, on Monday, June 26, A.D. 1905.

Most Worshipful Brother BENJAMIN ROGERS, Grand Master.

We are impressed with the variety displayed in describing this Grand Lodge in the neat Proceedings before us. The seal gives us “Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons of Prince Edward Island;” the title page gives us “The M. W. Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Prince Edward Island;” page 5 gives us both “The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Prince Edward Island,” and “The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of Prince Edward Island;” page 9 gives us “the Most Worshipful Grand

Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Prince Edward Island," and page 48 concludes with "The Most Worshipful Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Prince Edward Island."

For a Jurisdiction of its size, we should say it was doing quite well in the matter of names.

The address of the Grand Master, which is brief, relating his doings, dwells upon the raising of the Benevolent Fund to a respectable amount. The Grand Master lost a son, in the prime of manhood, and was compelled to leave the Jurisdiction for a considerable time on account of the illness of his wife. The Deputy Grand Master and a number of Brethren at the Grand Master's request, made necessary visitations.

Number of Lodges, 14; initiated, 29; total membership, 608, a gain of 4. Receipts, including balance of \$515.20, were \$844.91; disbursements, \$298.63; balance \$546.34.

No report on Correspondence.

Most Worshipful Brother CHARLES H. S. STERNS, of Souris, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother NEIL MACKELVIE, of Summerside, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

QUEBEC—1905.

THE Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, held its Thirty-fifth Annual Communication at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Montreal, on Wednesday, January 25, A.D. 1905.

Most Worshipful Brother JOHN B. TRESIDDER, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master shows a prudent and high-minded Grand Officer. He reported the best year in the history of Grand Lodge.

Number of Lodges, 57, including one under dispensation, the same as last year; initiated, 446; total membership, 4708,

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a gain of 275. Receipts, including balance of \$3,873.06, were \$7,778.03; disbursements, \$2,393.63; balance, \$5,384.50.

A discourse was delivered by Brother the Reverend E. H. CROLY, District Grand Chaplain. An additional sum was voted for the monument over the grave of the first Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother JOHN HAMILTON GRAHAM, LL.D.

Recognition was refused to Queensland, and Guatemala was deferred.

The Grand Treasurer, Right Worshipful Brother ISAAC H. STEARNS, having occupied his station 25 years, it was ordered that a testimonial be procured in commemoration of the fact.

In the Jurisdiction of Quebec, a "Nominating Committee" appointed by the Grand Master, reports nominations for the Standing Committees.

The portrait of the new Grand Master appropriately forms the frontispiece of the Proceedings.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is, as usual, by the Chairman, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother EDWARD T. D. CHAMBERS, his sixteenth report in eighteen years. He selects interesting matters and, as before, comments but little, giving us an interesting introduction touching pleasantly upon a number of topics, and giving an informing review of the account of the so-called "International Masonic Congress."

Our Brother well says "There can be no fellowship between legitimate Masonry and the unfruitful work of Masonic imposture."

Two pages are given to Pennsylvania for 1904, the review beginning:

"In reviewing the proceedings of this great Jurisdiction last year, it was our melancholy duty to refer to the deaths

of Past Grand Masters Michael Arnold and Samuel C. Perkins and of Grand Chaplain John S. J. McConnell, D.D. The Grand Lodge has again been most severely afflicted, and to-day we have to mention among those who have departed, the names of Past Grand Masters Conrad B. Day and George E. Wagner and of Junior Grand Warden Chas. M. Swain. Our sympathy goes out to our Brethren in their bereavement."

We thank our Brother.

Our report receives commendation. We may say that the "centennial" to which our Brother refers, as the time when he made the acquaintance of a number of our Past Grand Masters who are now dead, was the centennial of the *independence* of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, it ceasing on September 25, 1786, to be a Provincial Grand Lodge under the Grand Lodge of England.

Most Worshipful Brother DAVID A. MANSON, of Mansonville, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WILL. H. WHYTE, of Montreal, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

QUEENSLAND—1905.

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of Queensland was inaugurated in Albert Hall, Brisbane, on Monday, April 25, A.D. 1904, the installation of the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother GEORGE SAMUEL HUTTON, taking place in the Exhibition Building, Brisbane, at a Special Communication on October 29, Most Worshipful Brother JOHN COCHRANE REMINGTON, Grand Master of New South Wales, being the Installing Grand Master.

Two previous efforts were made, first in 1887, and again in 1897, to establish a Grand Lodge of Queensland, without success. A Convention of Delegates was held at Brisbane on

March 23, 1904, at which 36 Lodges, 22 belonging to the Irish Constitution and 14 to the Scottish, were represented. At a second Convention on April 25, the final steps were taken, there being present representatives from 25 of the 26 Irish Lodges, and from 14 Scotch Lodges. Prior to the first Convention, a Provisional Committee had been appointed by Right Worshipful Brother GEORGE SAMUEL HUTTON, Provincial Grand Master of Queensland, Irish Constitution, who had been requested to head the movement, but declined until he had submitted the matter to the Grand Master of Ireland, the DUKE OF ABERCORN, who had approved. Notice was sent to every Lodge under the English, Scotch and Irish Constitutions in Queensland. The discussion of the proposition was forbidden in the Scotch Lodges, and was so hedged about in the English Lodges that discussion was scarcely possible. However, 14 Scotch Lodges decided to join the movement, their Provincial Grand Master to the contrary notwithstanding. This left 119 Lodges in Queensland which took no part in the movement. We shall hope to see many of them uniting with the independent Grand Lodge, which seems to have been regularly formed and worthy of recognition.

The installation of the Grand Master-elect was a very dignified and imposing function, and it was announced on that occasion that three new warrants had been granted for Lodges and that a fourth would be shortly granted.

Quarterly Communications were held December 14, March 13, 1905, and June 12, while a Special Communication was held June 5, at which nominations were made for officers of the Grand Lodge, the election taking place at the June Quarterly.

Our Brethren of Queensland have not forgotten the lesson of charity, and we see that for the quarter ending May 31, grants amounting almost to \$350 were made.

No report on Correspondence.

Most Worshipful Brother GEORGE SAMUEL HUTTON, of Brisbane, Grand Master, re-elected; Very Worshipful Brother CHARLES H. HARLEY, of Brisbane, Grand Secretary, continued.

RHODE ISLAND—1905.

THE Most Worshipful "The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations" "assembles" in Semi-Annual Communication in The Freemasons Hall, Providence, on Monday, November 21, A.D. 1904.

Most Worshipful Brother JAMES ELISHA TILLINGHAST, Grand Master.

The Grand Master being absent owing to illness, resolutions of sympathy were adopted and sent to the Most Worshipful Brother by a special messenger, who later reported that the Grand Master was feeling more comfortable than at any time since September 14, and that he was deeply touched by the words which had been sent to him.

The Committee on Grand Officers' Reports approved the recommendations made by the last Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother W. HOWARD WALKER, (who was presented with a Past Grand Master's jewel and apron), but thought legislation was needed on but one, namely, fixing the hour for stated meetings or "communications" of the Lodges, which later was covered by a standing order.

An Emergent Communication was held on February 3, in order to pay the last tribute of respect to the memory of the late Grand Master of Masons, Most Worshipful Brother JAMES ELISHA TILLINGHAST, who had died January 30, 1905. This was the first time in the history of the Grand Lodge that a Grand Master had died in office, and at the

Annual Communication a memorial sketch was presented by Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother CYRUS M. VAN SLYCK, the portrait of the deceased Grand Master being given at the beginning of the Proceedings. There is also an excellent view of the Webb monument.

At the Annual Communication on May 15, the address of the Acting Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother JOSEPH W. FREEMAN, was an excellent and very practical paper. He showed that the present provisions regarding the Deputy Grand Master might work serious difficulty. The matter was considered by the Committee on Grand Officers' Reports, and an amendment covering the case was reported, which will come up at the Semi-annual Communication.

There being no regulation as to how long an approved petitioner may wait to take the degrees, the Grand Master, quoting from the regulations of four Grand Lodges, (among others "the Pennsylvania Grand Constitution, Art. XXI., Sec. 5)" recommended legislation, and six months was fixed upon.

A well merited tribute is paid by the Acting Grand Master to our friend Grand Secretary WILLIAMS: "His knowledge, patience and pleasant manner have greatly helped me in performing the duties which have come to me, while his own duties have been greatly increased."

Number of Lodges, 37; initiated, 335; total membership, 6428, a gain of 195. Receipts, including balance of \$786.07, were \$4,332.16; disbursements, \$3,973.73; balance, \$358.43.

No report on Correspondence.

Most Worshipful Brother JAMES WOOD FREEMAN, of Central Falls, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother S. PENROSE WILLIAMS, of Providence, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

SCOTLAND—1905.

THE Grand Lodge of Scotland held a Quarterly Communication in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Thursday, May 4, A.D. 1905.

Most Worshipful Brother the Honorable CHARLES MAULE RAMSAY, Grand Master Mason.

Reports of the proceedings of a number of other Grand Lodges, among them Pennsylvania, were received, and the thanks of Grand Lodge were voted therefor.

At this Communication, Brother C. B. BALFOUR, of Newton Don, M.P., Substitute Grand Master, who was unavoidably absent on St. Andrew's Day, was installed into office by the Grand Master, who announced that he had decided to confer the Honorary Rank of Junior Grand Warden of Grand Lodge upon Brother K. R. CAMA, of Bombay, India, and Brother JOHN SAUNDERS, of Cape Town.

At the August Quarterly (the third day), the resolutions adopted at the conference between the Grand Lodge of England, Ireland and Scotland, which we have given under Ireland in this report, were approved.

At the November Quarterly (the third day), the Grand Secretary was instructed to send three copies of the revised edition of the Constitution and Laws to each Daughter Lodge.

Prior to the November Quarterly Communication a marble bust of the last Grand Master had been presented to his wife, Lady MARY HOZIER, in recognition of his services as Grand Master for four years—from 1899 to 1903. A replica of the bust was placed in Freemasons' Hall.

The Annual Communication for the Installation of Grand Office-Bearers was held in the Royal Arch Masons' Hall, on Wednesday, November 30 (St. Andrew's Day). After the installation the Brethren proceeded to Freemasons' Hall to hold the celebration of the Festival of St. Andrew. There were many excellent speeches, and from that of the Grand Master we learn that during the year charters of 21 Lodges

had been granted; 10,438 had been initiated, and the income for the year had been \$51,000 as against \$54,475 the year before. The grants from the Benevolent Fund amounted to \$5265.

Most Worshipful Brother the Honorable CHARLES MAULE RAMSAY, of Edinburgh, Grand Master Mason, re-elected; Right Worshipful Brother DAVID REID, of Edinburgh, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—1905.

THE Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of South Australia held its Half-Yearly Communication at Freemasons' Hall, Adelaide, on Wednesday, October 19, A.D. 1904.

Most Worshipful Brother the Honorable Sir S. J. WAY, Bart., etc., Grand Master.

We are glad to see that Grand Secretary CUNNINGHAM returned from his three months' vacation much benefited by his holiday.

The consideration of the recognition of Queensland was deferred.

The Annual Communication was held April 19, 1905, when business chiefly of a routine nature was transacted.

Number of Lodges, 44; initiated, 182; total membership, 2833, a gain of 73. Receipts, including balance of \$2384, were \$7883; disbursements, \$4630; balance, \$3253.

No report on Correspondence.

Most Worshipful Brother His Excellency the Right Honorable Sir SAMUEL J. WAY, Bart., P.C., D.C.L., LL.D., Lieutenant Governor, Chief Justice of South Australia, Chancellor of the University of Adelaide, etc., etc., of Adelaide, Grand Master, re-elected; Very Worshipful Brother J. H. CUNNINGHAM, of Adelaide, Grand Secretary, continued.

SOUTH CAROLINA—1904.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons of South Carolina began its One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Charleston, on Tuesday, December 13, A.D. 1904, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother JOHN R. BELLINGER, Grand Master.

Grand Lodge was welcomed by the Junior Grand Warden, Right Worshipful Brother JAMES R. JOHNSON, in the name of the city, at the request of Mayor R. GOODWIN RHETT, who was not able to be present.

The absence of the Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful Brother INGLESBY, on account of illness, was greatly felt; and we find that, doubtless owing to the good Brother's illness, there are some unusual things to be noticed in the printing of the Proceedings. We trust that Grand Secretary INGLESBY may be spared in good health to his Brethren of the Craft, as well out of South Carolina as in it, for many years to come. Grand Lodge sent him affectionate greetings and best wishes.

The annual address of the Grand Master is a wise and conservative paper. He announced the death of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother JAMES A. HOYT, and a memorial was presented later by Past Grand Master DIVVER.

In last year's Proceedings we found something that was not entirely luminous; this time the Grand Master reports "An application was made to me to lend a very important book to the W. M. of a Lodge in lieu of one which had been lost." This also is not entirely luminous; we suppose this may mean an official cipher, but do not know.

In South Carolina, the District Deputy Grand Masters are installed, and, one having taken his oath of office, the Grand Master decides that he cannot resign.

It seems a little odd that the Grand Master does not know the *number* of the only Lodge he constituted in person.

Most Worshipful Brother E. W. DURANT, Past Grand Master of Minnesota, was a welcome guest.

Number of Lodges, not stated, about 198; "degrees conferred," 2411; total membership, 7937, a gain of 686. Receipts, including balance, \$963.23, were \$15,128.42; disbursements, \$12,560.51; balance, \$2,567.51.

Portraits in oil were presented as follows: Past Grand Master WHITEHEAD, by Orange Lodge, No. 14; Past Grand Master DENDY, by Blue Ridge Lodge, No. 92; Past Grand Master BLAKE by Spartan Lodge, No. 70, and the Blake family; and Past Grand Master IZLAR, by Shibboleth Lodge No. 28. The presentation addresses were interesting, and the Grand Master accepted the portraits in fitting terms.

Neither the ungrammatical nor the grammatical amendment to the Constitution proposed last year, departing from the traditional stand of the old Grand Lodge of South Carolina on the matter of physical requirements, was adopted.

A silver service was presented to the junior Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother WALTER M. WHITEHEAD, as a mark of appreciation of his labors as Grand Master.

Hereafter Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts who have been such for twelve months or more, are not to be included in the returns from the Lodges. As these Brethren are Masons, we fail to see the justness of this new regulation; but then perhaps it is not our affair.

We are glad to see that the Grand Master is to be allowed a stenographer.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, Right Worshipful Brother CHARLES INGLESBY, it being one of his duties to prepare the same; this is his twenty-eighth, and is up to our Brother's high standard. The scissors are used sparingly, and our Brother writes in an informing manner.

Brother INGLESBY is against innovations, and the action of his Grand Lodge with regard to the amendments mentioned above, will please our Brother. He is opposed to enforced membership, as are we, and says, under Ohio:

“The Mason should be as free to go as he was to come to us. The Grand Master’s scheme of ‘time or transfer’ demits is of course intended to prevent the evil of non-affiliation; we fully sympathize with the object, but decidedly are opposed to the means proposed to accomplish it.

“With us a demit, being a discharge from membership *with a recommendation*, is the voluntary action of the Lodge. If the Lodge does not choose to recommend, it refuses to grant the demit. The applicant is then at liberty, if not under charges, to pay up his dues and resign his membership. If he does that, the Lodge is compelled to give him a certificate that he is clear of the books and has resigned his membership. Such a certificate, for purposes of affiliation, has the force and effect of a demit. In some jurisdictions, they have two classes of demits; one with and one without recommendation. That is practically as it is with us.”

Generous space is accorded to Pennsylvania for 1903.

Of Past Grand Master ARNOLD, Brother INGLESBY writes:

“Bro. Arnold’s name and fame and character, was indeed well known in all English speaking Grand Lodges, and it is realized that one of the pillars of American Masonry has fallen. He will live in the memory of his brethren. The Memorial addresses delivered at this time, were very feeling and eloquent and were fit tributes to the great worth of the deceased Past Grand Master.”

Grand Master TENNIS, “after words of wisdom and good counsel,” makes “a full report of his official actions.”

Brother INGLESBY agrees with the general proposition that Lodges should not hold Sunday sessions, but that would not

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apply to funeral occasions, and he fails to see any objection to a Lodge performing that solemn duty on Sunday.

Our Brother informs us that the Lodges in his Jurisdiction are not only authorized to hold Lodges of Sorrow, but that their "Ahiman furnishes special ritual for such Lodges."

Brother INGLESBY closes his review of us in the following very complimentary words, for which we are grateful:

"We hope that we shall often again meet Bro. Lamberton in the field reportorial. We have greatly enjoyed his splendid report, which is fully up to those of his distinguished predecessors, Richard Vaux and Michael Arnold."

Most Worshipful Brother JOHN R. BELLINGER, of Bamberg, Grand Master, re-elected; Right Worshipful Brother CHARLES INGLESBY, of Columbia, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

SOUTH DAKOTA—1905.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the State of South Dakota began its Thirty-first Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Yankton, on Tuesday, June 13, A.D. 1905, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother IVAN W. GOODNER, Grand Master.

Only eight of the twenty-one living Past Grand Masters were present.

The address of the Grand Master (an efficient and conservative Brother) seems unduly long, owing to the letters which are incorporated therein.

The Grand Master's kindness of heart influenced him against taking action on the one case where his decision was not cheerfully acquiesced in, namely, where a Senior Warden

refused to sit in the Lodge under a ruling that the Grand Master felt obliged to make, that a Master-elect could not be installed by proxy. The Committee on Jurisprudence considered "the offense committed to have been a reflection upon the dignity of the Grand Lodge, an act which fully warranted the arrest of the offender's Jewel," and, they said, "we cannot but regret that the Most Worshipful Grand Master did not cause it to be done."

The Grand Master reported the death of the Senior Grand Warden, Right Worshipful Brother CHARLES A. FISHER, and of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother ALBERT W. COE. A portrait of the latter Brother is given, while that of the retiring Grand Master forms the frontispiece. A picture of the Masonic Temple at Miller, shows a dignified and worthy structure.

The Grand Master wisely refused a dispensation to open a Lodge of Master Masons at a place outside the regular Lodge room, it being proposed "that the two Lodges, together with the local chapter of the Eastern Star, join in a picnic in a park about two miles east of Sioux Falls, and during the day we desire to open a Lodge at a securely guarded spot, after the manner of our ancient Brethren."

The report of Grand Secretary PITTIGREW calls attention again to the matter of historians for the Lodges; we wish that all our Lodges would give this matter attention.

Number of Lodges, 103; initiated, 468; total membership, 5957, a gain of 291. Receipts, including balance of \$5,372.94, were \$10,747.66; disbursements, \$5,161.90; balance, \$5,585.76.

Telegraphic greetings were exchanged with Wisconsin.

Grand Lodge was called off from labor to "refreshments," while a committee of ladies, of which "Sister Farr" was chairman, representing the Order of the Eastern Star, was received, and the "Sister" made a beautiful little speech, to which the Grand Master replied.

We confess to be old-fashioned, and we draw the line!

On page 120 we find a "List of Grand Lodges In Correspondence with the Grand Lodge of South Dakota, and the Names of Grand Representatives and Postoffice Address," In this list, opposite the Jurisdictions of Kentucky and Wyoming, we find the statement:

"Do not exchange Representatives."

Why Massachusetts and Pennsylvania (not to mention others), which also do not exchange Representatives, are omitted altogether from Brother PETTIGREW's list, we do not know. We supposed we were "In Correspondence" with his Grand Lodge, or we should not have reviewed his Proceedings.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother SAMUEL A. BROWN, M.D., presents his usual interesting work. His introduction is a tribute to our departed Brother, Grand Secretary VINCIL, of Missouri; while his conclusion is a tribute to Brotherhood.

Under Connecticut, we quote:

Grand Secretary Barlow "accords the Grand Master the prerogative of making Masons at sight, and thinks that it were better for both parties that Roman Catholics should not assume Masonic obligations. He thinks that there are times when a Lodge should remit a Brother's dues without being asked. He reminds us that the Grand Lodge of England and that of Pennsylvania had each a Grand Master who afterwards became a Roman Catholic, Ripon of the former and Chandler of the latter."

Under Indiana, after quoting Past Grand Master McDONALD,

"For many centuries Lodges were dedicated to King Solomon alone, and are so dedicated in England to the present

time, and the dedication of Lodges to St. John the Baptist was not long before the Sixteenth Century.”

“So far as Saint John the Evangelist is concerned all documentary evidence shows that the connection of his name with the fraternity was long after the Sixteenth Century. We have never been able to see any special reason why certain days should be set apart for the celebration of the anniversaries of these Patron Saints, when the anniversaries of King Solomon, our first Most Excellent Grand Master, and Hiram, the widow’s son, both of whom are supposed to have been founders of the Order, are permitted to go by without notice.”

Brother BROWN says:

“These statements by our distinguished Brother oblige us to ask for the grounds upon which they are made. So far in our reading we have come upon no documentary proof of the existence of a Lodge dedicated to King Solomon prior to the rise of Dr. Henning in the schismatic Grand Lodge of England called the “Athol” Grand Lodge, about the beginning of the Nineteenth Century. In 1701, the old Lodge at Alnwick was still holding its head meetings on the days of St. John’s in winter and St. John’s in summer.

“The old Lodge at York from which is supposed to have sprung the York rite, observed the two St. John’s days in 1705, and afterwards. We do not know how long before. The Lodges of Scotland are dedicated to St. Andrew, and so are the Lodges in Germany which confer certain degrees, and there were two Lodges in Scotland at least two hundred and fifty years before Dr. Henning’s overturning of the Preston system which were dedicated, judging from their names, to the Virgin Mary—St. Mary’s of Edinburgh, now No. 1, and Our Lady of Dundee—but no old Lodge of which this writer has ever had an account was dedicated to King Solomon.”

We quote again, under Nova Scotia:

“Under Massachusetts he [Grand Secretary Mowbray] says:

“ ‘From the documentary evidence given in Brother Nickerson’s historical sketch, we are of the opinion that St. John’s Lodge, constituted in Boston, on August 31, 1733, was the first Masonic Lodge regularly constituted in North America.’

“It was an interesting subject, Brother Nickerson’s treatment of it no less so than that of Brother Lamberton in Proceedings, G. L. Pennsylvania, notably 1900, p. cliv, where he quotes Gould, who says, with reference to the election of W. Allen, Esq., Grand Master of Pennsylvania, St. John’s Day, June 24, 1732:

“ ‘The Fraternity there must be held to have been as much and as legally a Grand Lodge as that of “All England at York.” (History of Free Masonry, vol. iv, p. 241.)’

“And Chetwode Crawley:

“ ‘The establishment of the Grand Lodge of England in the year 1717, was followed, A.D. 1726, by that of the Grand Lodge of Munster, which merged into the Grand Lodge of Ireland, formerly established in Dublin A.D. 1729-30. The next Grand Lodge seems to have been constituted in Pennsylvania in the year 1732, followed by the Grand Lodge of Scotland which was constituted A.D. 1736. Caementaria Hibernica, Fasciculus Primus, page 3.)’

“The establishment of Masonry in this country is growing as a subject of interest, with students daily. So far as this writer can find out, for instance, the only legitimate descendant in the United States of the Grand Lodge of England of 1717, is that of Rhode Island, and that was formed in violation of what is now considered all law and precedent by the union of two Lodges only. Further, the greatest Mother Grand Lodge we have, judging by the numbers of her progeny, is that of North Carolina, with a family of 21 Grand Lodges, covering more than two-thirds of our area. For a

century she supposed herself to be derived from Scotland, after which a patent to Joseph Montfort, which from all evidence to the contrary was used as little in North Carolina as Daniel Coxe's was in Pennsylvania, began to be speculated upon as the probable certificate which should prove descent from England."

Pennsylvania for 1904 is reviewed, and Grand Master BROWN's address is said to be "an able address, in which a great deal of good advice was given to the Brethren." Our report receives most courteous attention at our Brother's hands, he saying that it is "by the distinguished author of 'Washington as a Freemason,' an essay delivered at the Washington Sesqui-Centennial celebration, which met with such deserved favor from the Craft." Our review of South Dakota is kindly and fully considered. We do not feel disposed to insist upon the term "childish," which our Brother thinks "misused;" but do not at this moment think of a word to substitute. Brother BROWN, in explanation of the use of the term Grand Master as applied to WASHINGTON, by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, quotes from a paper by our friend, Right Worshipful Brother W. J. CHETWODE CRAWLEY, LL.D., Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Ireland, whom our Brother BROWN has learned to appreciate, which was read at a meeting of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2067, London:

"The passage in which R. W. Brother Jonathan Bayard Smith recapitulates the various ways in which the Freemasons of Pennsylvania recognized the Masonic virtues and services of the illustrious deceased, affords some extenuation of the error by which George Washington was described as 'their late Grand Master.' When the Grand Master of Pennsylvania Freemasons announced, with evident pride, that 'it is now twenty-one years since they by their unanimous suffrage proposed him as Grand Master of Masons for

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the United States,' it was surely excusable in the Deputy Grand Secretary of Ireland to assume that time enough had elapsed for the nomination to grow into an accomplished fact. In 1800, very little was known for certain in the British Isles, or for the matter of that, in the United States themselves, of what had been done by our American Brethren in that dark and stormy time, twenty-one years before."

Most Worshipful Brother EDGAR D. BROOKMAN, of Vermillion, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother GEORGE A. PETTIGREW, of Sioux Falls, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

TENNESSEE—1905.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Tennessee began its Ninety-first Annual Communication at Freemasons' Hall, in the City of Nashville, on Wednesday, January 25, A.D. 1905, and closed two days later.

Most Worshipful Brother JAMES LLOYD SLOAN, Grand Master.

The annual address of the Grand Master is most interesting and shows a Brother untiring in the performance of his duties. His report last year as Deputy Grand Master prepared us for his good work as Grand Master, and we doubt not that great good will accrue from his year of faithful labors.

The Brethren may be interested in the following:

"I have noticed in many Lodges that I visited, a clan or set of brothers, who appear to be more closely attached to each other than the rest of the members. This class bears many names. By some of their brothers they are called 'a clique;' by others, 'the ring;' but most generally they are

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called 'the gang.' This 'gang' is the life of the Lodge. It is at every meeting of the Lodge. It confers the degrees. It attends the funerals of the dead brothers. It visits the sick. It is active, pushing, vigorous, zealous and bright in the lectures. It is charitable to almost the extreme. It is not despondent or gloomy. It has no bitterness or venom. Now, strange to say, this 'gang' is bitterly opposed in every Lodge in which it exists. Some oppose every measure it advocates; they seem to see something wrong in every movement it favors. No matter what the 'gang' is for, these others are 'agin it.' They will not attend the rehearsals of the work and lectures of the 'gang,' because they want to make changes and innovations, is the excuse. They grumble and growl at the 'gang' and think it is dangerous and will bear watching. My observation and experience leads me to wish that these 'gangs' may increase in numbers and membership. Brother, are you a member of the 'gang?' If not, let me beg of you to stop snarling and grumbling at what it does, but go and join the 'gang.'"

The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, of which Past Grand Master INGERSOLL, whom we had the pleasure of meeting at the annual meeting of the American Bar Association, at Narragansett Pier, in August, was not able, in his larger experience, to agree with some of the Grand Master's decisions.

Grand Secretary GARRETT has this to say for the "backwoods" Mason:

"A very large number of my visits have been made to what is sometimes called the 'backwoods' Masons, among whom I find the principles of Masonry practiced in the broadest sense. A Brother is never too tired to ride ten miles on horseback to visit and nurse a sick Brother or attend Lodge. It is never too cold or too hot for him to go to a

Brother in distress. The Lodge rooms found there are the cleanest and most comfortable found anywhere, and for hospitality, brotherly love and truth, his example is worthy of imitation by many of the so-called up-to-date Twentieth Century City Masons, who can't afford to ride four blocks on an electric car to visit the sick or attend a funeral.

“All honor, then, to the backwoods Mason who worships his Divine Creator with zeal, and practices the cardinal virtues of Freemasonry with his whole soul, mind, body and strength.”

On Past Grand Master INGERSOLL's motion, the Grand Secretary is to obtain through the Grand Representatives near the Grand Lodges with which Tennessee has fraternal relations, official information whether the printing and distribution of cipher rituals or the use of printed keys or cipher rituals is authorized by the Grand Lodges. We shall be interested to see the information obtained.

A memorial of the late Past Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother ANGEL S. MYERS, was presented by Brother ISRAEL H. PERES, while Brother G. W. BREWER presented a memorial of the late Past Junior Grand Warden, Right Worshipful Brother JOHN E. PYOTT.

Number of Lodges, 430; initiated, 1601; total membership, 19,420, a gain of 915. Receipts, including balance of \$25,494.64, were \$55,614.19; disbursements, \$26,812.25; balance, \$28,801.94.

The report of the Committee on Correspondence is by the Chairman, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother HENRY A. CHAMBERS, who continues to think that his report, which is of very distinct value, is “for the use and benefit of the body of Tennessee Masons and not for complimentary notices of reviewers.” This year our Brother has condensed his statistics which he thought best to retain, and has embraced them in a table which results, as he says, in a saving of space while giving the necessary information, and is better for

the purposes of comparison.” In accordance with his plan, Brother CHAMBERS makes but few comments. But before taking up the individual Proceedings, he gives some views and quotations on the matters of cipher rituals, physical qualifications, clandestine Masonry, the liquor question and the publication of Lodge returns, which are of much interest.

We quote:

“Eight Grand Jurisdictions in the United States have, since the last report, made a net gain of over 10 per cent. in membership, to wit: Oklahoma, 25.75 per cent.; Idaho, 15.01 per cent.; Indian Territory, 13.5 per cent.; Washington, 12.7 per cent.; Louisiana, 11 per cent.; Wyoming, 10.9 per cent.; Florida, 10.8 per cent., and North Dakota, 10.5 per cent. Only one Grand Jurisdiction, that of New Hampshire, reports a net loss. Its loss was twelve members—one-eighth of one per cent.

“In three Grand Jurisdictions the Masons constitute over 10 per cent., or more than ten out of every 100 of the white males of voting age, to wit: District of Columbia, 11.7 per cent.; Maine, 11.3 per cent., and Vermont, 10.5 per cent.”

Pennsylvania for 1903 is reviewed. Brother CHAMBERS figures out that our gain in membership, in that volume, 3271, is a gain of $5\frac{2}{5}$ per cent.; the largest Lodge, Dallas, No. 508, at Pittsburgh, having 573 members, and the smallest, Smithfield, No. 428, at East Smithfield, having 31 members.

Grand Master TENNIS's address is “excellent as well as eloquent.”

Four lines dispose of our report, it being “a valuable document.” For some years, at the end of our report, we have been giving for the information of our Pennsylvania Brethren, the tables of statistics prepared by the late Past Grand Master ANTHONY, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence of New York. This year we shall, with due

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acknowledgment to Brother CHAMBERS for his valuable work, let our Brethren have the advantage of Brother CHAMBERS's table.

Most Worshipful Brother JAMES W. IRWIN, of Savannah, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JOHN B. GARRETT, of Nashville, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

TEXAS—1904.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Texas, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, began its Sixty-ninth Grand Annual Communication at the Masonic Temple, in the City of Waco, on Tuesday, December 6, A.D. 1904, and closed two days later.

Most Worshipful Brother WILLIAM JAMES, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master is a very long paper, the longest of the year, but his Jurisdiction is very large. His administration was conservative. Although he said "There must be no running after anyone to join this order of ours, no clap-trap or vain show, or public notoriety in what is done in the Lodge," he granted not less than a dozen dispensations for the public installation of officers. We find it hard to understand the feeling of some of our Brethren upon the subject of public installations. And so, too, we find it hard to understand why the new Masonic Temple in which the Grand Lodge held its Communication was dedicated in "an open session of the Grand Lodge" the evening of the first day. In our opinion the whole ceremony should have been held behind tyled doors.

In his report on Correspondence, Past Grand Master MATTHEWS gave assurance that he would (and we do not doubt that he did) call the attention of Grand Secretary WATSON to the omission of the number of active Lodges there are in Texas, doubting not that the Grand Secretary would

furnish the information in future. Accordingly we find number of Lodges on the roll 705, a gain of 24; initiated, 3009; Master Masons, 36,436, (total membership not given) a gain, we believe, of 4052—though Brother WATSON does not give us that information. In this connection we may say that we fail to see why some of our good Brethren, who hold the very important station of Grand Secretary, seem so loath to give the information asked for by writers of the reports on Correspondence. The information as to total membership, and the gain or loss, certainly possesses some interest, and we try to find out these facts. There are other Grand Secretaries who refuse or neglect or have been slow to give information which they may fairly, in justice to their own Grand Lodges, be expected to furnish.

The Grand Master announced the death of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother A. J. ROSE, and Past Grand Master TYLER read an interesting memorial.

As intimated above, the dedication of the new Temple took place on the evening of the first day, there being an address by the Grand Orator, Brother WILLIAM POINTDEXTER, and an oration by the Right Reverend Brother ALEXANDER C. GARRETT, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of Dallas. Our Brethren seem to have been so pleased with their Episcopal orator that he was requested by a rising vote to deliver an address before the Grand Lodge at the next Grand Annual Communication, and the new Grand Master appointed him Grand Chaplain. Bishop WHITEHEAD of Pittsburgh heads the list of our Grand Chaplains, for, while Texas has but one, we in Pennsylvania have no less than nineteen.

The corner-stone of the Temple was laid May 11, 1904. The building is 90 feet 4 inches on Franklin Street, and 148 feet 4 inches on Sixth street, being three stories in height; but the material we do not find stated, other than that "the entrance colonnades are designed with six polished monoliths

of handsome granite supporting a heavy architrave of limestone enriched with terra-cotta panelings." The cost of the building, furniture and fixtures was \$119,294.13.

The control of the building is to remain in the Grand Lodge, but the Grand Royal Arch Chapter is to have the use of certain rooms, and the Grand Chapter made a donation to the Grand Lodge of \$10,000, which was transferred to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

In a special report, the Committee on Correspondence recommended that the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Texas severing fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Washington be repealed, stating:

"It will be remembered that in 1897, the Grand Lodge of Washington adopted a series of resolutions, by which it recognized and entered into fraternal relations with certain Grand Lodges and their subordinate, which were regarded and pronounced as illegitimate and clandestine by nearly, if not all the Grand Lodges in the United States and British America, and as a consequence edicts of non intercourse were adopted by them with scarcely an exception, with the said Grand Lodge, and the lodges and members of its obedience, until such time as it should repeal said resolutions. At its annual communication in 1898, the Grand Lodge of Washington adopted a 'Declaration and Resolutions' which it claimed repealed and rescinded its former resolutions. This 'Declaration' was accepted as satisfactory by all sister Grand Lodges except those of Delaware, Maryland, Texas, and possibly New Jersey. These Grand Lodges did not believe that the language of the rescinding resolutions were as definite and unqualified as they should have been, and were so worded as to give rise to a question of doubt as to the sincerity of the Grand Lodge of Washington. In view of the fact that the Grand Lodge of Washington declares that the resolutions adopted by it in 1898 were intended to repeal its former action, and in view of the further fact that they have

been generally so accepted by Sister Grand Lodges, and that the Grand Lodge by its action has shown that it no longer recognizes or holds Masonic intercourse with the said illegitimate and clandestine, so-called, Grand Lodges, for the sake of peace and harmony, and prompted by the spirit of brotherly love and kindness that should obtain among all true Masons everywhere, and taking the will for the deed, your committee has accepted the 'Declaration' of the Grand Lodge of Washington as sincere, and therefore recommends the action just mentioned."

Puerto Rico and Costa Rica were recognized, and Queensland was deferred.

An informing report was presented by the Committee on Masonic History.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence is, as usual, by the Chairman, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother THOMAS M. MATTHEWS, Sr., M.D., and is one of the few reports in which the scissors play little, if any, part. Our Brother writes interestingly and informingly. We regret that he has been ill and hope that he has long ere this recovered his good health.

He does not approve, nor do we, of "the use of robes, gewgaws, flounces and furbelows in conferring degrees."

In answer to our Brother's request for an opinion from the Brethren of the guild as to the laying of corner-stones on Sunday, we may say that we have repeatedly opposed the same.

Referring, under Indiana, to a resolution against the use of ciphers, which cannot be enforced, Brother MATTHEWS well says:

"It is a strange state of affairs if it can not. It *may* not, and possibly *will* not be enforced, but certainly it *can* be. Officers and lodges can be made to do their duty, or they can, the first be deposed, the last wiped out of existence."

We find with pleasure, under Maine:

“ We, too, are conservative, and like the old ways best, and have always contended for them, as all know who have done us the honor to read the reports that for the past twenty years and more we have written. We don't like the new-fangled ways, the fuss and feathers cropping out in so many places, and so long as we live so long will we condemn them whenever occasion offers.”

Pennsylvania for 1903 receives very fraternal consideration:

“ The address of Grand Master TENNIS is a most excellent paper. Ornate and conservative, it will repay careful reading. Especially fine are his remarks upon Masonic Homes. Would, too, that his utterance that ‘ Ancient Craft Masonry begins with the Entered Apprentice and ends with the Royal Arch Degree: that so much of Masonry is pure and perfect, venerable for its antiquity, hoary with age. Beyond this all is modern, new and ornamental, adding to its strength or grandeur, and may serve to detract something from its simple and austere beauty,’ could be impressed upon craftsmen, some of whom use these simply as stepping-stones to the so-called higher degrees, made up so largely of fuss, feathers and show.”

Our report is said to be as full of good things as a “ water-million ” is of meat; and our Brother adds:

“ We have read this scholarly, broad-gauged report of Bro. Lamberton from start to finish, and our only regret is that we cannot reproduce it for the benefit of those who have not the privilege of reading it. Our Pennsylvania brethren, unlike those of Washington, have not got a correspondent ‘ who knows it all.’ But they have got one who is amply able to and will instruct them if they will read what he writes.”

Our appointment as Chairman of our Committee was "well deserved" and "an excellent one, and worthily will he wear the mantle of Vaux, Perkins and Arnold."

So mote it be!

We thank our Brother; and will venture to ask him to get his Grand Secretary to give us the first names of the Grand Officers of his Jurisdiction.

Four portraits are given in the Proceedings: the retiring and the incoming Grand Master, and Most Worshipful Brother ANSON JONES, who was the first Grand Master and last President of the Republic of Texas, and Most Worshipful Brother MARCUS F. MOTT, who was Grand Master in 1876.

Most Worshipful Brother A. W. CAMPBELL, of Dallas, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother JOHN WATSON, of Waco, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

UTAH—1905.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Utah began its Thirty-fourth Annual Communication in the Masonic Hall, City of Ogden, on Tuesday, January 17, A.D. 1905, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother RICHARD LOUIS CONELY, Grand Master.

The Committee to which it was referred reported that it approved "the spirit of modest sincerity and earnest devotion to the principles of Free Masonry which find expression" in the Grand Master's address, which gives an account of his official acts.

The Grand Secretary's report is in Brother DIEHL's usual admirable form, and that too in spite of great drawbacks. Shortly after the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge had closed, the grippe laid hold upon our Brother; and

then, in September, Brother DIEHL had the misfortune to break his right leg above the ankle, which housed him for seven long weeks.

Number of Lodges, 11; initiated, 92; total Master Masons, 1213, a gain of 62. Receipts, including balance of \$3,491.56, were \$5,537.83, disbursements, \$1,595.70; balance, \$3,942.13.

We are glad that Brother DIEHL recognized that there "were occasions where silence ceases to be a virtue, and fault-finding becomes a matter of necessity," and he so expressed himself.

Puerto Rico was recognized, while Queensland was refused recognition.

A Charity Fund with \$1000 to start with was set apart by Grand Lodge. Well done!

An invitation to a reception in the evening of the first day by Weber Lodge, was accepted; but just why Brother "CHRIS" should record its acceptance in such small type, we cannot say. Certainly from his interesting account ("simply grand") there was nothing small about the reception.

A proposition to give each Past Master a vote in Grand Lodge was voted down. Under present regulations, the Past Masters present and not otherwise entitled to vote have one vote collectively, and have individual votes on all questions with the exception of amendments to the Constitution and election of officers. The objections urged by the Committee, whose adverse report was adopted, were that the amendment "would impair the Representative [Representative with a capital "R"] character of the Grand Lodge and be liable to take all power from the Lodges."

In this Jurisdiction the Past Masters are entitled to vote, and we have found the plan to work well. We note with satisfaction that a resolution was voted down which provided for the appointment of a committee "to procure suitable

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badges to be worn by the Representatives at each Annual Communication."

The retiring Grand Master presented the Emery signet ring to his successor, who in turn presented him with a Past Grand Master's jewel. The frontispiece is, very properly, the portrait of the new Grand Master.

The report on Correspondence is by the Committee on Correspondence, Right Worshipful Brother CHRISTOPHER DIEHL, Grand Secretary, his twenty-ninth.

Brother "CHRIS" has great faith in the power of the "reviewers' guild:" "The Faber pushers helped Utah twice,—why not once Alabama? There is nothing like trying." "The writers of these reports are the power behind the throne."

We have mentioned our Brother's unfortunate accident. We regret to have him tell us that his shadow *is* growing less. For the sake of accuracy, we may point out the mistake, as we did in our report last year, under District of Columbia, in the statement that the Washington gavel was used "officially" by President THEODORE ROOSEVELT at the Sesqui-Centennial of WASHINGTON's initiation into Freemasonry, at Philadelphia, in 1902.

Our Brethren may be interested in this, under Nebraska:

"After having read thousands of pages on the subject, we have come to the conclusion that "the fatherhood of God, the brotherhood of man and life to come" are the only genuine landmarks of Masonry. All other so-called landmarks are parts of the ancient regulations."

We quote his conclusion:

"Our work for the past year, in this department of labor, is again finished. It has been arduous, and has kept us busy many evenings till nearly midnight for nine long months, but it has been a pleasant and profitable occupation. Pleas-

ant because it has brought us in intercourse with the most gifted Masonic writers and thinkers of the present age, and profitable because they have taught us to appreciate Masonry, its teachings, history and wise regulations for the betterment of mankind, more than we ever did before.

“ We only hope our Brethren in Utah will heed the advice of Grand Master Conely and will read the report attentively and carefully. Even the wisest have always something to learn and in the report may be found some instruction which has been appropriated from the thousands of pages we have perused during the year. There will be found in the report some things which ought to enlarge the sympathies of even the best men, some things of interest to the Masonic student, and, not to make it too dry reading, some things of a humorous nature. A good laugh keeps the heart young and all physicians agree that it is a life-preserving tonic. If some unwise things have fallen from our pen, all we wish is that they were written in water. Trusting that our Brethren of the reviewers’ guild will be as kindly to Utah in the future as they have been in the past, we bid one and all a hearty farewell.”

Pennsylvania for 1903 is well summarized. Grand Master TENNIS’s address is “ an excellent Masonic document. Wish we could produce some of his really grand and beautifully expressed thoughts on Masonry ; but our space forbids.”

Referring to our report, we are indeed glad to have the co-operation of our Brother.

“ Before parting with Brother Lamberton we wish to assure him that for the last twenty-five years we have considered the publication of ‘ unnecessary details ’ in reports of Committee on Grievance wrong, unfit, un-Masonic and detrimental to the interest of Masonry. The sound of your warning whistle under Indian Territory should be mentioned in every report

on Correspondence for the next two years and longer. It may stop the distasteful publications. On this proposition, this writer will be with you first, last and all times."

At the end of the volume is given by permission of the writer, an article from "The American Tyler" of February 1, 1905, on "Mormonism and its Connection with Free Masonry," by Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother General JOHN CORSON SMITH, of Illinois.

Most Worshipful Brother CHARLES STETSON VARIAN, of Salt Lake City, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother CHRISTOPHER DIEHL, of Salt Lake City, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

VERMONT—1905.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Vermont began its One Hundred and Twelfth Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Burlington, on Wednesday, June 14, A.D. 1905, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother OLIN W. DALEY, Grand Master.

A telegram of loving sympathy was sent to the aged and infirm Grand Chaplain, the Reverend Brother EDWIN WHEELLOCK, who was not able to be present.

The address of the Grand Master, while somewhat lengthy, is a well prepared document.

The Grand Master called to mind the most valuable services of the late Most Worshipful Brother NATHAN B. HASWELL, who was Grand Master of Masons in Vermont at the time of the Anti-Masonic excitement. The Grand Master noted the plain requirements as to Masters' receiving at the time of their installation that ceremony which is usually, though incorrectly, termed the "Past Master's degree," which it seems to a very considerable extent has been omitted in

Vermont. Fitting words of acknowledgment are given in recognition of the great services of Grand Secretary Ross, who has made a most valuable and efficient officer.

Number of Lodges, 103; raised, 512; total membership, 11,535, a gain of 232. Receipts, including balance of \$2,253.83, were \$6,925.56; disbursements, \$4,770.89; balance, \$2,154.67.

We noted last year that a Past Grand Master's jewel was ordered for the Grand Master, *who was re-elected*. This year a committee was appointed to procure "a Past Master's jewel" for the same (retiring) Grand Master.

Telegraphic greetings were exchanged with Wisconsin.

Past Grand Master BOWMAN, with but one exception the oldest surviving Past Grand Master, was called to the East to preside during the election, but that Most Worshipful Brother, in a pathetic speech begged to be excused.

Now that the debt on the Masonic Temple is becoming less, the long desired project of a Masonic Home comes into view, and a committee was appointed to consider the subject.

The portrait of the retiring Grand Master forms the frontispiece, and we are very glad to have the group of the officers of the Grand Lodge, as it gives us the "counterfeit presentments" of two well-known Vermont Brethren: Past Grand Master PERKINS and Grand Secretary Ross.

The report on Correspondence is by the Chairman, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother MARSH O. PERKINS, whose reports are highly esteemed both by his Brethren of Vermont and by his fellow reporters.

Under British Columbia, Brother PERKINS makes this prediction, which we hope will soon be realized:

"We predict the day is not far distant when Scotland will have to make a decided change of front in the exercise of fraternal courtesy in its various phases or find herself scorned by all Masonically, as an Ishmaelite. The recogni-

tion of rights she demands of others, she herself must accord to others or be forever after silent. She may not like that feature of 'reciprocity,' but it is sure to obtain 'for a' that, unless she faces about in the exercise of fraternal amenities."

He also says:

"Brother DeWolf Smith is deeply interested in the discussion of Bro. Nickerson of Massachusetts and Bro. Lamberton of Pennsylvania *anent* the premiership of their respective Grand Lodges, and thinks the latter has a little the better of the argument."

We may say that we do not like the word "regalia," which our Brother gives assurance is "a good, old English expression for Masonic dress," and in proof cites from the second edition of Preston's "*Illustrations*" (1775).

In his conclusion, referring to Queensland, Brother PERKINS well says:

"To us, the opposition of the Mother Grand Lodges of England and Scotland appears to be a repetition of history, and we can but feel that Queensland should be given the fraternal support and encouragement she desires in her effort to establish home rule upon a substantial basis. And especially so, because of her hearty avouchment by her nearest neighbor, the premier Grand Lodge of the great Australian commonwealth."

Pennsylvania for 1904 is fraternally summarized. Our Brother expresses doubt as to whether the present Temple in Philadelphia "is the only building in America devoted exclusively to Masonic uses." We are firmly convinced that that statement was for a long time the exact truth, but we should be glad to be informed as to other buildings "exclusively devoted to Masonic uses."

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Quotations are made from Grand Master BROWN's address, which "contains a full account of his successful stewardship;" Brother PERKINS also says:

"He reports numerous decisions and edicts, many of them based upon Pennsylvania usage rather than upon the general law of Masonry, and all in line with the marked conservatism of her Grand Masters for many years and their peculiar construction oftentimes of old regulations."

Brother PERKINS also thinks that there has been a place for music during the conferring of degrees from "time immemorial." We venture to think differently.

As in the last two years, Brother PERKINS has apparently had no time to consider any portion of our report except that referring to his own Jurisdiction, though he is most courteous in speaking of the report.

Most Worshipful Brother WALTER E. RANGER, of Burlington, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother HENRY H. ROSS, of Burlington, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

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THE United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Victoria (Australia) held a Quarterly Communication at Freemasons' Hall, Melbourne, on March 16, A.D. 1904.

Most Worshipful Brother The Honorable Sir A. J. PEACOCK, Grand Master.

The Grand Master announced that an address on behalf of the Freemasons of the State of Victoria had been presented to His Excellency, Brother the Right Honorable HENRY STRAFFORD LORD NOTHCOTE, the Governor-General of Australia, upon his arrival, of which a cordial acknowledgment

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has been received. LORD NORTHCOTE had been Provincial Grand Master of Devonshire in England, and Deputy Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Bombay, and also Grand Master of Scottish Masonry in India.

Number of Lodges, including 2 new ones, 179; initiated, 800; total Master Masons, 8725, a loss of 178. Receipts, including balance of \$3667, were \$12,117; disbursements, 8728; balance, \$3389. Disbursements from the Benevolent Fund to 141 cases amounted to over \$6400, while \$100 was donated to the Freemasons' Charitable Institution.

The usual Quarterly Communications were held, routine business in the main occupying the attention of the Brethren. An amendment was adopted doing away with the Grand Anniversary Festival Meeting in May each year; the Annual Banquet is to be given on the day of the June Quarterly.

In recognition of many years' faithful service as a Life Governor and Treasurer of the Freemasons' Charitable Institution, an address was presented to Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother GEORGE S. COPPIN. This charitable Brother has been a member of the Craft for 59 years.

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Most Worshipful Brother The Honorable Sir ALEXANDER JAMES PEACOCK, K.C.M.G., etc., etc., of Melbourne, Grand Master, re-elected; Right Worshipful Brother JOHN BRAIM, Past Deputy Grand Master, of Melbourne, Grand Secretary, continued.

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THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Virginia began its One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Grand Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Richmond, on Tuesday, February 14, A.D. 1905, and closed two days later.

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Most Worshipful Brother THOMAS N. DAVIS, Grand Master.

Grand Secretary CARRINGTON publishes in his Proceedings the names of all the Brethren present each day; we suppose this enables the members of the Lodges to know to what extent their representatives attended to their duties.

The address of the Grand Master is an able and careful paper.

Owing to the change in the date of the Grand Annual Communication, this Brother served 14 months.

The sudden and untimely death of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother MANN PAGE, was a great grief to the Craft.

Among the invitations accepted, the Grand Secretary reports one to Alexandria Lodge, No. 22, "to celebrate with social session and banquet the natal day of Bro. George Washington, who died a member of this Lodge." It has always seemed strange to us that the death of Brother WASHINGTON was reported to Grand Lodge by the Lodge in which he was initiated, Fredericksburg Lodge, and not by Alexandria Lodge, although the latter had charge of the funeral services.

Amongst the invitations he declined was one to attend the Annual Grand Communication of our Grand Lodge in 1904.

The Grand Master pays a well merited tribute to his Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden, Brother JOSEPH W. EGGLESTON, M.D., who is also the able Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence:

" THE PILLAR OF REFRESHMENT.

"The Grand Junior Warden is not a rough ashler, and must be put in a class by himself as a mark of my high opinion of his ability and sincere appreciation of his willingness to perform any Masonic work assigned to him.

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“Many items of important interest were placed in his hands for expert and delicate attention, and in each instance the result was so distinctly satisfactory as to induce me to often hand him the laboring oar; and never once did he fail me.”

An interesting episode was the presentation, at the hands of the Grand Junior Warden on behalf of many of the older members of Grand Lodge to our friend Brother HENRY L. TURNER, of a handsome set of antique spoons engraved with Masonic emblems, as a testimonial of their affection and esteem and their appreciation of his long and valuable services to the Craft. In responding, which he did in a feeling manner, Brother TURNER mentioned the fact that he had been present at every Grand Annual Communication from 1877.

Another interesting presentation took place:

“Past Grand Master Most Worshipful Brother R. T. W. Duke, Jr., on behalf of Brother John W. Richardson, register of the land office of Virginia, presented to the Grand Lodge, a gavel made from the original timbers of the Capitol of Virginia—which was also for four years the Capitol of the Confederate States of America—now undergoing alterations and repairs.”

Hereafter in Virginia, a brother raised to the degree of a Master Mason shall be considered a member of the Lodge in which he was elected by ballot, to receive that degree.

To some of our Brethren this will seem odd, but in former times the conferring of the degrees did not carry with it membership in the Lodge.

(We wish very much that our ever-obliging friend and Brother, Dr. CARRINGTON, the admirable Grand Secretary would provide an index for his Proceedings.)

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Number of Lodges, including 2 under dispensation, 286; raised, 1156; total membership, 15,846, a gain of 845. Receipts, including balance of \$81.10, were \$31,391.65; disbursements, \$31,035.54; balance, \$356.11.

The Masonic Home continues its blessed work, there being thirty-five boys and twenty-three girls on the roll.

The report of the committee on Foreign Correspondence is by the Chairman, Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden, Brother JOSEPH W. EGGLESTON, M.D., and we have another admirable work. We think our Brethren will be interested in the following under Alabama:

“The constitutional form of government does not suit our institution. Our Lodges should always be *subordinate* Lodges, deriving their life as they do from a Grand Lodge, and not *constituent* Lodges, which they cease to be the moment they bring a Grand Lodge into existence; just as we elect a Grand Master and immediately become his subjects, bound to obey his Masonic rulings.”

And under California:

“We have often discussed this question [of incorporation], and can see no sort of good in incorporation, which is forbidden in Virginia, except as to one Lodge, which, in our opinion, should be made to *disincorporate*. The idea is borrowed from the tendency Masons, particularly if they happen to be lawyers, have always shown to imitate civil government in Masonic affairs. Written Constitutions and all manner of organic law are the worst evils from the same cause, unless it be dethroning of Grand Masters and the effort to make ours a pure democracy, because it is a brotherhood. The best of brothers need a father.”

And under Illinois:

“The Foreign Correspondence report is, of course, by P. G. M. Joseph Robbins, the last—now that Bro. Vincil,

of Missouri, is dead—of the once world-famed six. To name them alphabetically, they were Drinkard, of Virginia; Drummond, of Maine; Parvin, of Iowa; Robbins, of Illinois; Vaux, of Pennsylvania, and Vincil, of Missouri. Bro. Aldro Jenks, of Wisconsin, one of the ablest of the band, was introduced as a visitor, and paid a high tribute to Bro. Robbins' abilities as a Masonic writer and his fame, coupling his name with Drummond's, and classing him as his successor."

And under Indiana:

"We in Virginia have no Constitution, By-Laws or other organic law. We hold the landmarks and the restrictions of our esotery to be the "*constitutions*" of Masonry, and these no man can violate. Our Digest is simply our general regulations codified for convenient use, and whenever, in his judgment, the Grand Master thinks that any of its provisions should be temporarily set aside for a specific purpose *he does it*. We can change our laws whenever we please and in any manner we please. We are *free* Masons, though governed by an autocrat.

Brother EGGLESTON does not evidently wish to read any "imported oratory," has very high views of the powers and prerogatives of the Grand Master: "He is a law unto himself," and agrees with us that the Grand Master is not merely the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge but is indeed "Grand Master of Masons" in his Jurisdiction.

Under South Carolina, our Brother says:

"Much was said about physical perfection, and the Grand Master explained that their rigid law was not a landmark, as the landmark modifies the words 'a perfect youth having no maim or defect in his body' by those which immediately follow, viz.: '*That may render him incapable of learning the*

art, of serving his Master's lord, and of being made a brother and then a fellow Craft in due time.'

"The quotation is exact, but personally we think there should be no comma after art, which would make the meaning clear that there should be no defect which would render him incapable of conforming literally to the ritual, as we express it, 'without friendly aid or artificial assistance.'"

We do not think Brother EGGLESTON is as happy as usual in his last remark. There were three things which the maim or defect in his body may render the youth incapable of: (1) of learning the Art, (that is the Art of Masonry); (2) of serving his Master's Lord, and (3) of being made a Brother, etc.

Pennsylvania for 1903 receives consideration, our Brother saying in part:

"Following our rule, we ignore quarterlies, and treat only matters of general Masonic interest, all [?] of which are found in Annual Communications.

"The volume is immense. The beauty of the Grand Master's oratory is indescribable, and the Foreign Correspondence report exhaustive and clear-headed. We have enjoyed the whole volume, but can only give a very few of the many things marked for quotation."

Our Brother objects to only one paragraph in Grand Master TENNIS's address, *i. e.*, his prediction that donations and bequests to the proposed Masonic Home or Homes, will in ten years be sufficiently large to maintain the same without cost to the Grand Lodge; and says:

"This is the only paragraph we object to. The commercialism of modern times suggests endowment funds, and in commercially conducted institutions they are business-like and admirable, but they have no proper place in Masonry.

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Masonic charity is intended primarily to relieve distress, but its greatest office is to soften the hearts of the givers, and no brother should be deprived of the pleasure of giving to the support of Masonic charity. To do it in advance for the brethren is to do them a serious unkindness and a great injury. Let the Craft each year do its charity and get the benefit of being in that 'more blessed' class. If funds run short, appeal to the brethren, and you will never appeal in vain."

In our report for 1903, in reply to a request, we had given some information as to WASHINGTON not having been Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, and said that he was duly elected Worshipful Master of Lodge No. 39 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, at its last election, just prior to its becoming Lodge No. 22 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, as we had pointed out in our address at our Washington Sesqui-centennial Anniversary. This causes our dear Brother EGGLESTON to write as follows:

"Bro. Lamberton knows that Washington was born a Virginian, lived all his life a Virginian, died and was buried a Virginian. That he was initiated, passed and raised in Fredericksburg Lodge, in Virginia, and died a member of it. That when Alexandria Lodge was asked by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, just formed as an independent Grand Lodge, to surrender its charter as No. 39 under the *Provincial Grand Lodge* of Pennsylvania, and accept a new one under the new body it *refused to do so*, and applied to the Grand Lodge of *Virginia* for a charter, April 28, 1788. This application asked that George Washington be named as its first Master, and it was done and the charter is still in use. It is true that under the then slow way of doing things the charter seems not to have been actually delivered

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until the following February (1789), but it was in effect, although the old No. 39 was still used in the Minute Book. In the meantime Washington was elected Worshipful Master in December, and is on Virginia's roll as such, and not on Pennsylvania's. His record as Master of Alexandria Lodge No. 22 dates from April 28, 1788, under the Grand Lodge of Virginia. At no time was Alexandria Lodge a Pennsylvania Lodge after Washington's connection with it, and it never did owe allegiance to the present independent Grand Lodge of that State. Pennsylvania has a right to be proud of what connection Washington did have with her Masons *as a visitor*, but should not attempt to claim more than is just and right. Even in 1800 they did not claim what Bro. L. tries to claim.

"We do not take the trouble to write the above because Virginia or even Pennsylvania Masons will ever believe in Bro. Lamberton's claim, but those in distant lands might possibly be misled.

"He reviews Virginia, 1902, and quotes Bro. Kerns' report of his visit to the Sesqui-Centennial, even to his mention of Bro. Quinn's and Bro. Kemper's having accompanying him. He did not mention that one of them represented the Mother Lodge of Washington and the other, the Virginia Lodge, of which he was Worshipful Master."

We are amused and surprised. We had no idea that we had attempted to "claim more than was just and right." Certainly neither Past Grand Master KERNS, Deputy Grand Master KEMPER, nor Grand Senior Warden QUINN, nor any of the Brethren from Alexandria-Washington Lodge, No. 22, all of whom heard the address, gave the slightest hint that we had made any unjust claim. We gave the facts, and think we were justified in the statement we then made. We should be inclined to drop the matter with these words were it not for the fact that we seem to have unduly excited

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Brother EGGLESTON, so that he becomes as nearly unfraternal as he can be (he refers to us in another place as "one man," and speaks of "mare's nest," and of "being hardly fair to mislead Masons on the other side of the world").

If any justification is needed for the statement we made, we may say that it is evident from its minutes and papers that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, (that is the independent Grand Lodge, which was the legitimate successor of the Provincial Grand Lodge, which had warranted Lodge No. 39,) considered that Lodge No. 39, in 1789, was under its jurisdiction. We may mention that at the Quarterly Communication, held September 28, 1789, Lodge No. 39 was represented, and in the list printed in connection with its Rules and Regulations, in 1790, showing the warrants which had been granted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania (nine at least of which are still in full life,) was "39 Alexandria, Virg."

Brother EGGLESTON makes these statements: "It [Alexandria Lodge] applied to the Grand Lodge of Virginia for a charter, April 28, 1788. This application asked that George Washington be named as its first Master, and it was done and the charter is still in use."

Our Brother, if he does not wish "to mislead Masons on the other side of the world," should be more accurate in his statements. "*This application*" did *not* ask that WASHINGTON be named as the first Master. In our address we took pains to show just what was done. On April 28, 1788, application was made by a member of Alexandria Lodge, Brother WILLIAM HUNTER, who was present in Richmond at the Communication held on that day; on that Brother's return he told the Lodge what he had done, and it voted, among other things, to apply for a charter to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, of whose regularity the Brethren had been satisfied, and appointed two committees, one to "wait on General Washington and inquire whether it will be

agreeable to him *to be named in the charter,*" (italics ours) and the other to apply to the Grand Lodge at Richmond for a charter. Nothing seems to have been done until the autumn except to obtain WASHINGTON's consent, and at the meeting on October 25 a committee was again appointed to make application for the charter "agreeable to the former order of this lodge. The application, which was dated October 25, 1788, and in which it was stated that to be the earnest desire of the Brethren that Bro. George Washington, Esq., should be named in the charter as Master of the Lodge," was duly presented, and at the next regular Communication, (so "The Lodge of Washington," page 22, informs us), the petition was granted; but when the charter was made out it was dated as of April 28, 1788, the day Brother HUNTER was present in Grand Lodge. That charter was not received until after the January, 1789, meeting had been held, and at the December meeting previous the Lodge elected the same officers as did the Lodges under the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

Considering the particularity with which we described the initiation of WASHINGTON in Fredericksburg, "in England's ancient and loyal Colony and Dominion of Virginia," we certainly do not think that we can be held responsible because a Mason "on the other side of the world" allowed himself to be so misled as to call the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania "Brother George Washington's Mother Grand Lodge," for that, it would seem, is what has so excited our good Brother EGGLESTON.

It is an interesting fact that in the charter neither Master, Deputy Master nor Warden is specified *eo nomine*; the Grand Master constituted and appointed four Brethren, WASHINGTON being named first, with their associates, "to be a just, true and regular Lodge of Freemasons." The fact that *four* Brethren were named, one of whom we know was selected by his Brethren as Deputy Master, shows that WASH-

INGTON was not expected to attend regularly, and the Grand Secretary of Brother EGGLESTON's Grand Lodge is our authority for the statement that a Deputy Master was never appointed in Virginia before or since.

Our Brother makes this statement in his report at page CXXXVIII: "He [Washington] was in the following December elected, and served as Master for another year." In view of the fact that Alexandria Lodge did *not* return Washington as a Past Master of the Lodge in the returns which it made in December, 1799, just before he died, we call upon Brother EGGLESTON to prove his assertion as to Washington's *service*, for the minutes of the Lodge, which are the best evidence, do not show Washington's presence in the Lodge *on or after* December 27, 1788, on which day he was invited to dine with the Brethren, his diary showing that he was at his home on that day.

Most Worshipful Brother THOMAS N. DAVIS, of Lynchburg, Grand Master, re-elected; Right Worshipful Brother GEORGE W. CARRINGTON, of Richmond, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

WASHINGTON—1905.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Washington began its Forty-eighth Annual Communication in the City of Bellingham, on Tuesday, June 13, A.D. 1905, and closed two days later.

Most Worshipful Brother EDWIN HUGH VAN PATTEN, Grand Master

On the opening of Grand Lodge, by a unanimous and rising vote, the Grand Master was requested to send greetings to Grand Secretary REED, who was absent on account of ill-

ness which caused his first absence in forty-one years and his second since the Grand Lodge was formed. Unfortunately, our Brother did not recover from his illness, and "fell asleep" on October 7, 1905. He was indeed a Nestor; his labors for the Craft will long be gratefully remembered, and his virtues will be recounted in the days to come.

The Mayor of the city, Brother J. W. ROMAINÉ, extended a cordial welcome to Grand Lodge, to which the Junior Grand Warden, Right Worshipful Brother RALPH C. M'ALLASTER replied.

The address, or "annual message," of the Grand Master is a careful paper, showing a vigilant officer. He reported the death of Most Worshipful Reverend Brother DANIEL BAGLEY, who was a native of western Pennsylvania and was Grand Master of Washington in 1861.

A very welcome visitor was Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM A. DEWOLF SMITH, Grand Historian and Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

Report was made for Grand Secretary REED by Brother HORACE W. TYLOR, Assistant Grand Secretary, who mentioned that the Grand Secretary had been taken with an attack of sciatica on June first.

Number of Lodges, including 9 under dispensation, 137; initiated, 847; total membership, 9318; a gain of 1036. Receipts, including balance of \$12,725.25, were \$24,166.25; disbursements, \$8,553.09; balance, \$15,613.16.

At the wish of the Grand Secretary, the action of the previous year directing the removal of the Library from Olympia to Tacoma was rescinded. News of the action of the Grand Lodge of Texas in repealing its resolution of non-intercourse with Washington, was received on the 79th anniversary of Grand Secretary REED's birthday, and was very pleasing to that venerable Brother.

The proposed celebration of the bi-centennary anniversary

in London in 1917, of the formation of the Grand Lodge of England, suggested by Brother JOSEPH E. MORCOMBE, of Iowa, was approved.

Action at this time upon the request of Queensland for recognition was deferred.

Telegraphic greetings were exchanged with Wisconsin and Oregon.

In spite of an adverse report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, permission was granted, unwisely as we think, to a Lodge to raise a Fellow Craft under work permitted by the Grand Lodge of British Columbia with the assistance of Master Masons from the Jurisdiction of British Columbia.

The building of a Masonic Home at this time was not deemed best.

The portrait of the retiring Grand Master forms the frontispiece, and later we have the portrait of Past Grand Master BAGLEY.

The report on Correspondence is by the Committee, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother WILLIAM H. UPTON, who is to be succeeded by his predecessor, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother STEPHEN J. CHADWICK, whose work we were sorry to have to part with.

Brother UPTON wields a trenchant pen, and gives us one of the most complete reports of the year. He is vigorous, forceful and, as we have before observed, very positive. He thinks that he is entitled to a rest:

“And, so, we think we have earned a rest. In the last ten or twelve years we have twice acted as Grand Orator, served one trying term as Grand Master, written five correspondent reports and about half of three others, assisted for three or four years in preparing the annual Proceedings for publication and in seeing them through the press, served at one or two sessions as Assistant Grand Secretary, held the appointment of Acting Grand Secretary for a brief period

while Bro. REED was at Nome, compiled, annotated and put through the press The Masonic Code of Washington, and written two Masonic books of an historical character—this while dependent upon our daily toil for our children, living a life of unspeakable loneliness, and also serving, during the whole period, as manager, treasurer, purchasing agent, librarian and man-of-all-work of a not-unpretentious local Masonic library. We feel, therefore, that it is meet that some of these labors should be taken up by younger men.”

We agree, under Connecticut, as to ciphers:

“The man who makes such a record can *never* be absolutely certain that it cannot be read by those not entitled to know its contents, or that it will never fall into hands not entitled to its possession. It is a known fact that no cipher has ever been invented which cannot be read by experts; and equally certain that numerous copies of ‘carefully guarded’ esoteric rituals have fallen into the hands of profanes.”

Under New Hampshire, the following is interesting:

“While we are aware that the English are now very lax in matter of physical qualification, we cannot accept the idea that they never recognized the existence of a law upon the subject. Laws defining the necessary physical qualifications, both of ‘apprentices’ and ‘Masons,’ would not have continued for centuries in the manuscript constitutions, it seems self-evident to us, unless those laws were being obeyed—as a general thing—throughout those centuries; nor do we think the famous passage in ANDERSON’S Charges of a Freemason—a book compiled, it will be remembered, not for operative but for speculative Masons,—the passage beginning, ‘Only, CANDIDATES may know that no MASTER should take an Apprentice unless * * * he be a perfect Youth, having no Maim or Defect,’ etc., would have found a

place in the English Masonic law book of 1723 unless it pictured the practice of the English Masons of 1723. Of the later English tendency towards laxity, and of some kindred subjects, we once expressed ourself as follows, in commenting on a letter written by Bro. SPETH—and seven years of additional observation have not greatly modified our opinion:

“It may not be impertinent to remark that American Masons did not invent their strict notions about physical qualifications, but received them from Great Britain and Ireland; also, that the much derided and not very happy expression, ‘A perfect Youth,’ did not originate in America, but in the Charges of a Freemason. * * * It may be noted, also, that while in America there is a tendency towards technical construction, to exalt the letter of the law—of every law—above its spirit, and to strain after forced and unwarranted conclusions, * * * there has always been in England a corresponding tendency, no less marked and very clearly pointed out in Brother SADLER’s ‘Masonic Facts and Fictions’ and Brother CRAWLEY’s ‘Caementaria Hibernica,’ towards laxity, and inattention to the requirements of the law. Early in the seventeenth century, * * * or somewhat later others have thought, this tendency had been so disastrous to the Craft that some of the brethren thought it necessary to enact the stringent requirement of the ‘New Articles’ or ‘Additional Orders.’ Then the tendency continued its corroding work for another century, with the result that the revival of 1716-17 became necessary to save London Masonry from extinction. Another century of the same tendency—during which she had sent Masonry into Germany with the signs of the first and second degrees reversed and, apparently, without the secrets of the chair—forced the premier Grand Lodge to confess, in 1809 and 1810, that she had been neglecting at least one of the ‘Land Marks,’ and to declare that it was ‘not necessary any longer to continue in Force those Measures * * * resorted to in or about

the year 1739 ' and to enjoin the several Lodges to revert to the Ancient Land Marks of the Society.'

" Will the lapse of another century bring another revival, say in 1910 or 1917, and a return to the ideas as to physical qualifications which prevailed in England a century and more ago? * * *

" It may be remarked that the Craft will probably be more profited when brethren cease wrangling over what they think the law of the institution ought to be, on this subject, and seek to learn what it is. * * *

" Proper study may also disclose that the rule—whatever it is—is not a law of Masonry because it was put in the Charges, but was put in the Charges because it was a law: and that it has its foundation in an occult but no less law of nature, upon which was based, also, the requirement of the Jewish law, that no one with a blemish could serve at the holy altar."

Pennsylvania for 1904 receives generous space.

As our Brother will not have the opportunity of replying, we do not propose to enter into discussions, a number of which are suggested by his excellent report. Our Brother is at times witty, and at times severe. We think he is inclined to generalize too quickly from one or two particulars. We have elsewhere in this report stated that the letter " G " occurs some forty years earlier as a Masonic symbol than was our impression a year ago. Our Brother speaks most kindly of our report. We regret that a typographical error gave the date of the " rush " between the writer's class and that of Brother UPTON's, as in 1875, instead of 1874, when, after nearly having the breath squeezed out of us by Brother UPTON's class, the relief came when *we went forward* and breath was restored. We admire our Brother's loyalty in refusing to acknowledge that his class was " rushed."

We may say to Brother UPTON that his suggestions that

Past Grand Master WAGNER was handicapped by any "lack of ability to construe the English language," and that he had had but slight opportunities to acquire an English education, will be received with smiles by the Brethren of Pennsylvania.

Most Worshipful Brother ABRAHAM LINCOLN MILLER, of Vancouver, Grand Master; Right Worshipful THOMAS MILBOURNE REED, Grand Secretary, re-elected, but died October 7—Brother HORACE W. TYLER, of Olympia, Acting Grand Secretary.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA—1905.

THE Grand Lodge of Western Australia of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, held a Quarterly Communication at the Freemasons' Hall, Perth, on Friday, July 22, A.D. 1904.

Most Worshipful Brother, The Right Reverend C. O. L. RILEY, D.D., Grand Master.

The experience of our Australian Brethren in the matter of allowing Lodges to hold "Ladies' Evenings" has not been favorable, and it is not to be allowed hereafter.

Quarterlies were held on October 28, January 27, and April 28, 1905.

From the Grand Master's address at the January Quarterly, as to Queensland, we quote:

"You might ask, how was it that no English Lodge joined? We were able to do so here; but we were able to do so because we had a sympathetic District Grand Master. In Queensland it was otherwise. If the English and Scottish Lodges had been treated as grown-up members of the family with minds of their own, I have little doubt that the majority would have at once voted for joining. They were unfortunately not so treated. However, the movement was too strong to be defeated, and a Grand Lodge was formed.

“ With their aspirations and desires we in the colonies cannot but feel a great sympathy, and a sincere longing to assist in the good work projected. We are therefore glad to be able to say that the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, after careful personal enquiry and inspection, came to the conclusion that the new Grand Lodge should be recognized. I am glad, therefore, to be able to report that our Board of General Purposes, after careful consideration, and acting chiefly on the example of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, will recommend you to do the same. We can surely trust M. W. Bro. Remington and his Grand Lodge—the Grand Lodge of the mother State of Australasia—to do what is right and just in this matter.

“ We are a Grand Lodge, and as such have responsibilities, and we cannot wait until England and Scotland make up their minds. There is too much ignorance at home of the conditions which exist out here to take England or Scotland as infallible guides in questions of what is best for us to do in Australia. I am convinced that the forming of Grand Lodges in States such as ours does not in the least take away from the loyal affection which has always been shown to our mother Grand Lodges, and which will continue to be shown throughout the ages of the future.

“ In speaking of this subject, M. W. Bro. Remington gave utterance to an opinion, with the second part of which every member here present cannot but agree. ‘ On the other hand,’ he said, ‘ we decline to agree with the assertion that there must be an absolute majority of the existing Lodges in agreement to establish a Grand Lodge, and *still less with the contention that there must be a majority of those holding under each Constitution.*’ He added, ‘ The former condition would probably, and the latter almost certainly, prevent the establishment of any more Grand Lodges anywhere.’ Under these circumstances, I cannot do otherwise than endorse the wise decision of our Board of General Purposes.”

Queensland was recognized.

Number of Lodges, 74, a gain of 5; initiated, 377; total membership, 3550, a gain of 202. Receipts, including balance of \$5295, were \$13,471; disbursements, \$4668; balance, 8803.

We regret to see that Scotland is still maintaining her unfortunate position.

Most Worshipful Brother The Right Reverend C. O. L. RILEY, D.D., Lord Bishop of Perth, Grand Master, re-elected; Very Worshipful Brother J. D. STEVENSON, of Perth, Grand Secretary, re-appointed.

WEST VIRGINIA—1904.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of West Virginia began its Fortieth Annual Communication in the Masonic Temple, in the City of Clarksburg, on Wednesday, November 16, A.D. 1904, and closed the following day.

Most Worshipful Brother GEORGE HATCH, Grand Master.

The Grand Master's address, while quite long, gives a careful statement of his official acts, which have been very numerous. He reported the death of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother WILLIAM H. H. FLICK, who was "a learned Mason, and gave much of his time to the advancement of the Fraternity, and his untimely death was mourned by his Brethren, who admired and loved him."

It is pleasant to read the following:

"VISITOR FROM PENNSYLVANIA.

"Brother C. J. Warnock, a member of Fayette Lodge, No. 228, Uniontown, Pa., was introduced as a visitor, and was invited to a seat in the Grand Lodge."

WEST VIRGINIA.

Number of Lodges, including 4 under dispensation, 128; initiated, 853; total membership, 9399, a gain of 689. Receipts, including balance of \$6,334.63, were \$13,291.09, according to one part of the Grand Treasurer's report, and according to another part the receipts were \$11,004.36; disbursements, \$6,305.38; balance, \$4,689.98.

On the evening of the first day a banquet was spread at 11.30 P.M. to which "all the officers, delegates and visitors" were invited. Grand Lodge closed at 11.15 P.M. until 7 P.M. the next day, which allowed the Brethren opportunity for rest after what Brother ATKINSON tells us was a "sumptuous affair."

The report of the Committee on Proceedings of Grand Officers has some very true things to say about their "able, courteous and efficient" Grand Secretary.

The frontispiece is a portrait, very appropriately, of the incoming Grand Master, with a sketch of his life. A portrait is given of Brother ALFRED A. MCCOY, one of the District Deputy Grand Lecturers.

The Grand Secretary prints what purports to be lists of the "Representatives of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia Near Other Grand Lodges," and of "Representatives of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia Near Other Lodges." We take it that the second is intended to be "Representatives of Other Grand Lodges Near the Grand Lodge of West Virginia."

We use the words "purports to be" advisedly. In our report for 1900 we called attention to the fact that the Representative of the Grand Lodge of West Virginia near our Grand Lodge had been killed in a railroad accident May 12, 1899, and to the fact that the commission of the Representative of the Grand Master of Pennsylvania near the Grand Lodge of West Virginia had been re-called seven years before—to be accurate, January 30, 1893. We have referred to these facts several times since, and in the report on Corres-

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pondence before us, we find that the first fact has at length come to the attention of Grand Secretary ATKINSON, who tells us that if our Grand Master will suggest the name of some worthy Brother suited for the position, his Grand Master, he is sure, will take pleasure in appointing him. In spite of the information so often given him, our Brother persists in giving in his list the names of the dear Brethren which do not belong there. This speaks eloquently for the Representative system in general, and for the care and attention bestowed by Brother ATKINSON upon some of the "other matters authorized to be published" in his Proceedings, which of course we expect, when we take into consideration our Brother's certificate, which he supplies at the beginning of his volume.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother GEORGE W. ATKINSON, who after doffing the garb of the Executive of his State has since put on the judicial ermine in the National Capital. His nineteenth report is in line with its predecessors, our Brother writing interestingly and forcefully, not to say wittily; and, as he is the whole committee, he does not see "why I should turn myself into a 'we.'" He is sure that the exhibition furnished to the Brethren of North Dakota on a certain occasion, "consisting of moveo-stereoptico-animo illustrations," was "splendo-superbo-eleganto;" and we think he is right.

Upon the subject of conferring the degrees in costume, our Brother says, under Kansas:

"This Grand Lodge has adopted what it calls 'Dramatized Work.' The officers who confer the degrees wear full costumes. I cannot work myself up to a point of believing that this method is in accord with the spirit and teachings of Freemasonry. The so-called 'Higher Branches' do it, but they are added or side degrees, and have but a remote connection with Blue Lodge or symbolic Masonry. Maybe King Solo-

mon and the two Hiram adorned themselves with royal costumes when conferring the degrees in their day, if we had Freemasonry at that time. But if I know anything of the history and workings of Freemasonry, nothing of that kind has been practiced by any of our lodges until very recently. So far as I am personally concerned, and I have no authority to speak for anyone but myself, I regard it as an innovation, and I do not believe that it will gain much headway among the Grand Lodges of the United States. It smacks too much of that 'ostentation' which is peculiar to the higher degrees and which is absolutely foreign to Symbolic Masonry. My guess is, therefore, that it will not have much of a 'run.' "

Under Mississippi, we quote:

"We are furnished with a halftone picture of M. W. Grand Master E. N. Thomas, which hangs in full view in the ante-room, so to speak, of the neatly printed volume of proceedings now before me. But, my, my, that signature under the picture is immense! It would take four Philadelphia lawyers to decipher it, and you know the 'Quaker City' lawyers are noted the world over for their 'smartness.' No biography of Brother Thomas is given, but my guess is, he's a bank cashier, because, as a rule, they try to sign their names so that nobody on earth can read them. I nominate Brother Thomas for Treasurer of the United States, so as to get that 'coup de soleil' of his on all of our bank notes, so that the country merchants can sit on their counters in the lull of business and guess what it is."

Our Brother is extremely liberal in the matter of physical qualifications, but he confesses that he is "somewhat on the fence about the wooden foot."

A very fraternal review of Pennsylvania for 1903 begins thus:

“ A splendidly executed steel portrait of M. W. Grand Master Edgar A. Tennis embellishes this finely printed volume of proceedings, as a frontispiece. He is yet a young man comparatively, and is a Mason of a high grade of intelligence as well as standing in the Craft.”

Of Grand Master TENNIS's address, he says:

“ The annual diary of the M. W. Grand Master is an entertaining production. Under his administration the business of the M. W. Grand Lodge was conducted ably and conscientiously, with the prosperity of the Fraternity undiminished, its character untarnished, and its usefulness increased.”

This writer is courteously spoken of. We have referred to our Brother's remarkable lists of Representatives.

Brother ATKINSON says:

“ As to the ceremony of opening the Grand Lodge of West Virginia, I can only say that it is in accordance with our ‘ time-honored custom;’ and like the M. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, we are set in our ways.”

“ Set in our ways ” is not bad, when we recall that, in one of our Brother's recent Proceedings, we noticed that of nine Special Communications of his Grand Lodge at which neither the Grand Master, his Deputy, nor either of the Grand Wardens was present, three were opened in “ Due Form,” four in “ Ample Form,” one in “ Due and Ancient Form,” and one not stated. Six were closed in “ Ample Form,” two in “ Due Form,” and one not stated.

Our West Virginia Brethren may be “ set in their ways,” but we should not suspect it.

Brother ATKINSON also explains:

WISCONSIN.

“It is a fact that our Grand Lodge was two years old before it was formally launched as a regularly constituted Grand Body. That is why our records appears to be ‘slightly mixed.’ ”

Most Worshipful Brother LUTHER H. CLARKE, M.D., of Kyle, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother GEORGE W. ATKINSON, of Charleston, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

WISCONSIN—1905.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Wisconsin began its Sixty-first Annual Communication in the Masonic Building, in the City of Milwaukee, on Tuesday, June 13, A.D. 1905, and closed two days later.

Most Worshipful Brother DAVID H. WRIGHT, Grand Master.

The address of the Grand Master is unnecessarily long because that Most Worshipful Brother has seen fit to insert certain correspondence in full, which might well have been abbreviated. We may say that we are not favorably impressed by the first words: “Brethren:—By your permission, etc.” Such words from a Grand Master of Masons to the Brethren of his Grand Lodge strike us as strange. When we came to that part of his address in which he states that “the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin was opened by its Grand Master,” when that Most Worshipful Brother was at Gorham, in the State and Jurisdiction of Maine, for the purpose of attending the laying away of all that was mortal of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother OLIVER LIBBEY, we thought that we should call upon Past Grand Master JENKS, for information, but we later came upon the following in the report of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence:

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“We commend the fraternal spirit that prompted the Grand Master to visit the state of Maine and perform the burial services for our lamented brother Libbey, but we do not approve his action in attempting to open the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin outside the jurisdiction thereof. The jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge is the state of Wisconsin, and we are of the opinion that it cannot be opened or do any act outside those limits.”

This, with the rest of the Committee's report, was very properly adopted.

The Grand Master announced also the death of Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother EMMONS E. CHAPIN, fitting memorials of the two departed Past Grand Masters were presented, pages were inscribed “In Memoriam,” and portraits are given us.

Grand Secretary PERRY wired best wishes and congratulations of his Grand Lodge to the following Grand Lodges which held their Annual Communications about the time the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin was in session, and the replies are very pleasant reading: Nebraska, Iowa, Nevada, South Dakota, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, Oregon, Vermont and Washington.

Number of Lodges, 254; initiated, 1294; total membership, 21,251, a gain of 680 Receipts, including balance of \$21,085.88, were \$32,770.23; disbursements, \$14,453.75; balance, \$18,316 48.

Among the dispensations granted we note six “Allowing Lodges to meet with Chapter of Eastern Star.” Why a Lodge of the Masonic *Fraternity*, which, as its very name indicates, is composed of *men*, should desire to hold meetings with other societies, and especially with societies of which women compose the great majority (if we are correctly informed as to the membership of the Order of the Eastern Star,) is more than we can comprehend. We must

not, however, be misunderstood. We have nothing whatsoever against the Order of the Eastern Star; on the contrary, from what we have read, we believe that it has done and is doing a blessed work, just as we believe that there are other societies of men, of women and men, and of women, who are also doing blessed works; but, not having anything to do legitimately with Masonry, we, for the life of us, cannot see why Masonic Lodges should meet with Eastern Stars, Female Druids, Daughters of Rebecca, and similar societies.

From all that Grand Master WRIGHT tells us of the honors, the courtesies and attentions that were showered upon him when he went to Maine to Brother LIBBEY's funeral, he must have had the time of his life.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is by the Committee on Correspondence, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother ALDRO JENKS, and is like its seven predecessors, worthy of the able scholar and Masonic writer, whose ability is recognized by his Grand Lodge, so that his compensation exceeds that of any other member of the Guild. (While New York appropriates \$600 to its Committee on Correspondence, \$100 is for translations for the Committee, so that Brother ANTHONY's honorarium was \$500.)

We see that our Brother has not changed his views, with which we are in accord, as to "orations" by "Grand Orators," and, with him, we cannot admit that "there is any body higher in Masonry than the Grand Lodge."

Under Nebraska, referring to a remark by Brother PHELPS, that when Craft Lodges, erected by a Supreme Council of the Scottish Rite in a territory unoccupied by a Grand Lodge or a Lodge erected by a Grand Lodge, throw off the yoke, declare themselves independent and erect a Grand Lodge, such Grand Lodges have been held to be recognizable of right by most of the Grand Lodges of the world, Brother JENKS, says, truly as it seems to us:

"We fail to understand how the 'throwing off of the

yoke' affects their regularity. A well known maxim admonishes us: 'That a stream cannot rise higher than the foundation head.' If Grand Councils of the Thirty-third degree cannot be recognized as Grand Lodges (and Bro. Phelps agrees with us that they cannot) how can it be held that Lodges created by them are regular and legitimate? In reviewing the proceedings of British Columbia Bro. Phelps says: 'Certainly we cannot recognize as regular, Lodges holding obedience to a Scottish Rite Council.'

"Holding this opinion, it would seem to us to logically follow that Grand Councils are unable to charter Symbolic Lodges. In reviewing the proceedings of Costa Rica, Bro. Phelps quotes Albert Pike as authority for the statement that Grand Councils of A. & A. S. R. possess the power and authority to institute Symbolic Lodges.

"This was the opinion entertained by this distinguished author at one time, but in a letter written by Bro. Pike in 1877 to a brother in Buenos Ayres, he admits his error. We have quoted from this letter in our review of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Colorado in this report."

Under Oregon, the following is of interest:

"In his review of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, Bro. Hodson contends that the practice and teachings of the York Rite and Scottish Rite are the same. We are not in a position to speak authoritatively on this subject, as we have not taken the Scottish Rite degrees. As the Scottish Rite exists in the United States we have no hostility to it whatever. Such study as we have been able to make of the subject leads us to altogether different conclusions as to the similarity of the two rites. York Rite Masonry is thoroughly democratic. It has no privileged classes by which one set of brethren dominates over the lower grades. It interferes with neither a man's politics nor his religion. But outside of the United States and England these Scottish Rite

bodies exist largely as a protest against the Catholic church and are frequently made the rallying point for political intrigues. In the York Rite the brethren meet upon the level, each brother having a common voice in conducting the affairs of the Order. In the Scottish Rite a hierarchy is formed, each superior degree directing without appeal those below it, the highest class ruling all the others. Among the dogmas of this rite is that no one can be tried for his conduct by those of the lower grades; that any member has the right anywhere and at any time to confer the secrets of Masonry upon whomsoever he sees fit, a right which many Grand Lodges deny to their Grand Masters. It is also a part of their doctrine that the most inconsequential thirty-second degree Mason outranks the Grand Master of the most important Jurisdiction, in the world; that the brethren of the lower grades have no right to control their own finances and that those of the higher grades are not answerable in the Symbolic Lodges for their conduct. How Bro. Hodson can contend that the teachings of the two Rites are similar we cannot understand. If our brother will read from Vol. 3 of Gould's History of Free Masonry, pages 346, 347 and 348, American edition, he will find our authority for the statements we have just made concerning the doctrines of the Scottish Rite.

We are glad to have him say that he wishes to protest against the idea that "if a candidate is an honorable, upright man he has the right to join the Masonic Fraternity. The privileges of Masonry cannot be demanded as a right."

Our Brother prefers "good plain English" in these reports, Latin quotations not meeting with his favor. He is averse to a Lodge making a display of itself for advertising purposes, as by going to church; and we agree with him in his opinion, under Utah, as to retaining what is often called the "Past Master's Degree."

“ This so-called degree is venerable with age and is a legitimate part of the installation ceremonies. It also serves as a useful reminder to the Master of his duty to preserve unimpaired the ancient landmarks, usages and customs of the fraternity.”

Referring to our Brother's statement, under Wyoming, as to a decision that under some circumstances a “ petition for the degrees ” may be withdrawn, that it is “ opposed to a custom that is so general that it may be considered as having the force of an unwritten law,” we may say that the provision of our Ahiman Rezon on that subject is as follows: “ A petition for initiation and membership cannot be withdrawn until a favorable report shall have been made, and then only by a majority of all the members present.”

Pennsylvania for 1904 receives generous review. Referring to the losses we sustained by death, Brother JENKS says:

“ Death is the common lot of humanity, yet our Pennsylvania Brethren seem to have met with more than the ordinary amount of bereavement in one year.”

Upon the subject of large Lodges, mentioned in Grand Master BROWN's address, our Brother says:

“ When a colony of bees attains sufficient proportions, they always swarm, and this should be true of over-large Masonic Lodges. This is not a statement of a new principle in Masonry, as Anderson in the first edition of his Constitution recommends this procedure.”

Our Brother, referring to a number of our Grand Master's “ instructive and interesting decisions,” says: “ Whether they are in harmony with the views of the Masonic Jurists in Pennsylvania we are unable to determine as they were submitted at the close of the year leaving no time for their consideration at this communication.”

We may say for the information of our Brother and Brother KUYKENDALL, of Wyoming, that in Pennsylvania the Grand Master is *the Grand Master*, and that his decisions are not submitted to or reviewed by any Masonic Jurists or by the Grand Lodge.

Our report in general receives high commendation, but we are surprised to find the following:

“Its most serious defect is the difficulty experienced in determining readily what is original matter and what has been quoted from other proceedings.”

While there may be merit in the suggestion, which is made, that the leads be left out between the lines, or that smaller type be used for quotations, we are still inclined to believe that for most members of the Guild the space which precedes and follows every quotation, together with the usual quotation marks, makes our quotations sufficiently clear.

We may note a typographical error on page 135 of our Brother's report, where he speaks of “a letter from and signed by Brother George Washington in 1722,” addressed to our Grand Lodge; 1722 should be 1792.

Brother JENKS seems quite concerned about our not taking a very positive and decided stand as to the authority of Supreme Councils in general. We have not investigated the subject fully; we presume we ought to assume, as some of our good Brethren have done, to “know it all;” but we may reassure Brother JENKS that we are indeed with Brother ROBBINS, of Illinois, and Brother JACKSON, of Delaware, in being “unalterably opposed to anything except the Masonry of the Ancient Landmarks—that is Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons—assuming authority to erect Lodges to confer the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry.” If it could be *proven* that Symbolic Councils had lawfully

received such authority, we might have to withdraw the word "unalterably."

Most Worshipful Brother JESSE C. BRADLEY, of Milwaukee, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM W. PERRY, of Milwaukee, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

WYOMING—1905.

THE Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Wyoming held its Thirty-first Annual Communication in the City of Laramie, on Wednesday, September 6, A.D. 1905.

Most Worshipful Brother FRANK A. LUCKFIELD, Grand Master.

In his annual address, the Grand Master reports an uneventful year, during which no member of Grand Lodge has been called away by death. He refused to approve a by-law permitting life membership with freedom from all dues. We think the position of our Brother, which was approved by Grand Lodge, is a sound one. The Grand Master is anxious to start a Masonic Home, looking forward to the time when it will be necessary, and the Committee on Returns and Work heartily concurred.

In this Jurisdiction by-laws are approved allowing exemption from dues *except Grand Lodge dues*.

A Past Grand Master's jewel is to be provided hereafter for the retiring Grand Master, and a committee was appointed to procure one at once. The portrait of the new Grand Master is very properly given in the Proceedings.

Number of Lodges, 23; initiated, 176; total membership, 1809, a gain of 16. Receipts, including balance of \$4,113.88, were \$6,611.37; disbursements, \$2,202.83; balance \$4,408.54.

The Grand Master did not deem it advisable to comply with a resolution passed last year as to appointing a day to be observed as a "Memorial Day," "for the reason that throughout the United States it is generally, if not universally, held that there are but two occasions when Masons should appear in public clothed as such, viz., at funerals and laying of corner-stones." We see no need of Masonic clothing on the former occasion.

The report on Correspondence is by the Committee, Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM L. KUYKENDALL, Grand Secretary, who is now the eleventh Grand Secretary in point of service, his seniors being Brothers HEDGES of Montana and DIEHL of Utah, same day; INGLESBY of South Carolina, MURRAY of Canada, MURROW of Indian Territory, HEMPSTEAD of Arkansas, NICKERSON of Massachusetts, EHLERS of New York, KEEN of New Mexico and ATKINSON of West Virginia.

Our Brother's report (this is his twentieth) does not attempt to give full summaries of the various Proceedings; he gathers the good things he comes across for the benefit of his Brethren; he comments quite freely, and, naturally, is pleased when he succeeds in getting a Brother Correspondent to change his views to agree with Brother KUYKENDALL'S. He is very strong on requiring documentary evidence from would-be visitors and on disapproving dual membership in Lodges; he has not changed his views as to making Masons at sight, saying, under North Carolina, "Thank God, only a few Grand Lodges allow such an exhibition to occur."

From our Brother's conclusion we quote with much interest the following, our own views, certainly at first blush, being against the proposed meeting:

"We have carefully considered the proposition of our eminent brother Morcombe of Iowa, presented by him to his brother reporters, that a congress or meeting of representatives from all the legitimate Grand Lodges of the world

be held in London in 1917, being the Bi-Centenary Anniversary of the formation of the first Grand Lodge of Speculative Masonry. While agreeing with nearly all he says in his well-written article, we take little stock in any Masonic Congress; that aside, however, the first question is, Will the Grand Lodge of England be willing to assume the position of host and be given *carte blanche* in making all arrangements, especially inviting Grand Bodies to participate? In our opinion no other Grand Lodge can take the initiative and do so. Such being the case, she will be the judge as to legitimacy and what Grand Bodies shall be invited. It is very evident the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, which is under ban everywhere in this country, the Grand Lodge of Denmark, that excludes all except Christians from membership, the Grand Orient of Belgium, which is in close communion with the Grand Orient of France, the Grand Lodge of Liberia and many Grand Bodies on the continent of Europe with which the Grand Lodge of England is in close friendship, through recognition, but have not been recognized in this country, will be invited and be accorded prominent places in said Congress. We do not believe there is any question but such will be the outcome. The question therefore for every American Grand Lodge to decide, should the proposition take shape, is to accept the invitation and thus let down the bars upon several questions that our Grand Lodges have been united upon as fixed and unalterable, or refuse to accept or participate in said Congress. Personally, we do not believe in placing the Grand Lodge of England in the position that even one invitation may not be accepted, we do not think any of our Grand Lodges should stultify itself by having its representative seated in said Congress with one or more clandestine Masons and a number of others representing bodies as yet not recognized as legitimate by many of our American Grand Lodges. We may be alone in our opinion adverse to the proposition which we have reached after due and careful thought and consideration, but

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we believe time will demonstrate that we are right should the plan be adopted.”

Pennsylvania for 1904 receives over two pages of fraternal notice, and quotations are made from Grand Master BROWN's address, some decisions being discussed, and in general receiving our Brother's approval. We may say that Grand Master BROWN, in restoring the letter “G” as a Masonic symbol, made no change in the “ritual.”

Our report is kindly said to be “a fine one.” Referring to our remark as to their being “wealthy in Committees on Jurisprudence,” our Brother informs us that “there is only one, which is always appointed just before close of communication and holds until next one.” Last year we observed a “Committee on Jurisprudence,” and also a “Standing Committee on Jurisprudence.”

We wish Brother KUYKENDALL would always give us the first name of his Grand Master, at least. We think that the first name of every officer of the Grand Lodge should be given in its official Proceedings.

Most Worshipful Brother M. R. JOHNSTON, of Wheatland, Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother WILLIAM L. KUYKENDALL, of Saratoga, Grand Secretary, re-elected.

CONCLUSION.

We add to this report the very interesting table of statistics prepared by Most Worshipful Past Grand Master Brother HENRY A. CHAMBERS, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, to whom we wish to make our acknowledgments.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. LAMBERTON,

Chairman.

December 27, A.D. 1905, A.L. 5905.

STATISTICS FROM THE TENNESSEE REPORT

GRAND JURISDICTION.	Population in 1900.	White Males of Voting Age, 1900.	Number of Chartered Lodges.	Lodges under Dispensation.	Lodges Making Returns to G. L.	Lodges Paying Dues to G. L.	Lodges Represented in G. L.	Number of Masons at Last Report.	Initiated.	Passed.	Raised.
Alabama.....	1,828,697	232,294	413	11	414	391	333	14,340	1,510	1,431	1,375
Arizona.....	122,931	34,911	17	2	19	19	17	1,023	109	99	102
Arkansas.....	1,311,564	226,597	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12,416	.....	.....	.....
California.....	1,485,053	489,545	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27,078	.....	.....	.....
Colorado.....	539,700	181,616	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,001	.....	.....	.....
Connecticut.....	908,420	275,126	110	.....	110	110	110	18,514	985	974	982
Delaware.....	184,735	45,592	22	.....	22	22	18	2,504	156	158	159
District of Columbia..	278,718	60,318	30	.....	26	26	25	6,711	515	508	496
Florida.....	528,542	77,962	149	.....	148	147	135	4,915	653	598	577
Georgia.....	2,216,331	277,496	471	.....	262	.....	455	22,841	2,069	.....	1,764
Idaho.....	161,772	50,328	34	3	33	33	31	1,698	188	183	183
Illinois.....	4,821,550	1,370,209	732	7	732	732	709	66,621	6,207	5,707	5,666
Indiana.....	2,516,462	701,761	517	7	524	524	514	37,318	3,866	3,753	3,688
Indian Territory.....	392,060	77,865	139	1	137	137	130	4,994	713	633	571
Iowa.....	2,231,853	630,665	506	1	506	506	466	33,283	2,517	2,500	2,428
Kansas.....	1,470,495	398,552	369	6	364	358	263	23,567	1,617	1,465	1,735
Kentucky.....	2,147,174	469,206	486	2	.....	.....	474	23,547	2,502	.....	.....
Louisiana.....	1,381,625	177,878	159	.....	147	147	96	6,964	1,078	1,011	978
Maine.....	694,466	216,856	201	1	200	.....	190	23,940	1,339	.....	1,309
Maryland.....	1,188,044	260,979	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,122	.....	.....	.....
Massachusetts.....	2,805,346	830,049	236	3	.....	.....	190	43,415	2,804	2,810	2,809
Michigan.....	2,420,982	712,245	393	2	390	392	385	47,380	.....	.....	3,239
Minnesota.....	1,751,394	502,384	242	3	242	242	223	18,542	1,326	1,278	1,298
Mississippi.....	1,551,270	150,530	296	5	290	126	259	10,966	.....	.....	694
Missouri.....	3,106,665	809,797	569	.....	565	565	389	37,376	3,107	2,899	2,824
Montana.....	243,329	94,873	56	2	51	49	46	3,544	301	295	308
Nebraska.....	1,066,300	297,817	233	3	226	225	216	13,609	1,060	971	932
Nevada.....	42,335	14,652	21	.....	21	21	19	944	64	.....	54
New Hampshire.....	411,588	130,648	79	.....	79	.....	55	9,584	297	.....	.....
New Jersey.....	1,883,669	532,750	173	1	173	.....	164	20,351	.....	.....	2,146
New Mexico.....	195,310	50,804	21	.....	21	21	16	1,133	108	97	93
New York.....	7,268,894	2,145,057	763	.....	763	759	759	118,185	10,786	10,704	10,665
North Carolina.....	1,893,810	289,263	331	9	308	320	207	12,662	1,396	1,263	1,380
North Dakota.....	319,146	93,237	72	.....	72	72	64	4,398	509	512	468
Ohio.....	4,157,545	1,180,599	503	1	503	503	489	55,065	.....	.....	4,511
Oklahoma.....	398,331	101,543	111	.....	105	105	101	4,148	902	772	752
Oregon.....	413,536	131,261	105	.....	105	105	95	6,405	540	531	541
Pennsylvania.....	6,302,115	1,763,482	440	.....	440	.....	.....	59,826	4,612	.....	.....
Rhode Island.....	428,556	124,001	37	.....	37	37	31	5,883	372	359	370
South Carolina.....	1,340,316	130,375	191	6	183	.....	178	6,926	.....	.....	.....
South Dakota.....	401,570	107,353	99	4	103	99	81	5,444	363	326	319
Tennessee.....	2,020,616	375,046	425	.....	421	415	400	17,895	1,582	1,424	1,376
Texas.....	3,048,710	599,961	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32,384	.....	.....	.....
Utah.....	276,749	65,205	10	1	11	11	11	1,083	103	93	85
Vermont.....	343,641	108,027	102	1	103	103	86	10,983	.....	.....	607
Virginia.....	1,854,184	301,379	280	1	274	265	180	14,303	.....	.....	1,015
Washington.....	518,103	183,999	128	1	128	128	122	7,056	853	827	803
West Virginia.....	958,800	233,129	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,712	.....	.....	.....
Wisconsin.....	2,069,042	567,213	253	1	253	253	237	19,713	1,487	1,418	1,373
Wyoming.....	92,531	36,262	21	2	20	20	16	1,488	189	.....	184
Total.....	75,994,575	18,918,697	10,545	87	9,531	7988	8,985	950,800	58,785	45,629	60,759
British Columbia.....	178,657	59,552	35	1	36	.....	32	2,449	230	227	237
Canada, Prov. of Ont..	2,182,947	727,649	373	8	363	362	335	30,964	2,952	2,701	2,552
Manitoba.....	255,211	85,070	80	.....	.....	.....	.....	3,811	454	382	405
New Brunswick.....	301,120	100,373	35	.....	33	29	23	1,990	166	153	152
Nova Scotia.....	459,574	153,191	64	.....	63	.....	.....	3,882	333	311	336
Pr. Edw. Island.....	103,259	34,419	13	1	14	14	14	606	40	34	39
Quebec.....	1,648,898	549,632	57	.....	56	56	53	4,191	368	.....	.....
Total.....	5,129,666	1,709,886	657	10	565	461	457	47,893	4,543	3,808	3,721

NOTE—In the column "Total at end of Year" Arkansas, California, Colorado, Maryland, Texas and West Virginia, from which no reports have been received this year, are given the totals of the preceding year.

ON CORRESPONDENCE, JANUARY, 1905.

Admitted.	Restored.	Rejected.	Withdrawn.	Suspended, N. P. D.	Suspended, U. C.	Expelled.	Died.	Net Gain.	Per Cent of Gain.	Total at end of Year.	Per Cent of Masons in White Males of Voting Age.	Number of Masons per 100 of White Males of Voting Age.	Annual Dues, etc., Collected.	Collections per Member
639 46	310 5	.... 21	841 52	389 16	29	8 1	287 18	1,053 100	7 10	15,393 1,123	6.6 3	7 3	\$ 7,072 00 1,995 50	46 \$1 78
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12,416	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27,078	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,001	.....	.....	.....	.....
85	48	294	86	72	.....	3	361	533	3	19,047	7	7	14,077 00	74
10	1	90	23	6	.....	.....	44	98	4	2,602	6	6	1,656 00	64
90	56	117	77	87	1	.....	124	353	5.2	7,064	11.7	12	7,257 00	1 03
305	89	89	248	86	7	4	105	527	10.8	5,432	7	7	8,077 50	1 50
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,279	5.5	24,120	9	9	26,265 00	1 09
113	11	39	43	25	.....	2	25	256	15	1,954	4	4	4,593 30	2 35
1,331	462	....	1,378	722	.....	18	1,083	4,254	6.5	70,921	5.2	5	63,280 95	90
807	252	....	845	301	11	30	603	2,871	7.7	40,199	5.7	6	12,911 50	32
437	62	210	424	140	.....	9	88	675	13.5	5,669	7.2	7	7,585 25	1 30
816	293	....	1,161	516	4	12	465	1,362	4	34,595	5.5	5	30,104 00	87
629	222	....	918	228	5	10	343	1,175	4.9	24,742	6.2	6	23,743 25	92
680	485	....	778	693	.....	21	391	1,883	8	25,416	5.5	6	25,660 33	1 00
194	67	....	252	89	.....	2	122	774	11	7,898	4.3	4	16,587 25	2 14
127	83	361	194	194	3	3	471	671	3	24,611	11.3	11	4,916 00	20
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9,122	.....	.....	.....	.....
522	80	755	353	344	73	2	747	1,892	4.3	45,307	5.4	5	16,485 00	36
744	154	....	801	292	.....	10	690	2,344	4.9	49,724	6.9	7	25,115 53	51
534	85	....	550	164	3	5	259	936	5	19,474	3.8	4	11,009 40	57
389	126	....	442	112	7	5	152	491	4.5	11,457	7.6	8	5,735 95	50
1,042	334	....	1,104	628	26	38	700	1,704	4.5	39,080	4.6	5	39,582 00	1 00
102	34	53	92	84	2	.....	46	236	6.6	3,780	4	4	7,388 00	1 95
392	181	....	556	189	10	10	159	581	4.2	14,190	4.8	5	13,465 00	95
28	4	....	24	2	.....	2	17	41	4.3	985	6.7	7	1,196 00	1 22
353	15	....	72	97	.....	1	207	*12	.....	9,572	7	7	7,476 00	78
279	115	....	233	218	2	2	336	1,751	8.6	22,102	4.1	4	22,080 80	1 00
52	11	31	40	20	1	.....	16	98	8.6	1,231	2.4	2	1,815 00	1 47
1,168	1216	....	1,159	232	†1,710	29	1,927	7,992	6.7	126,177	5.8	6	100,818 50	80
377	174	236	403	60	51	26	205	1,001	8	13,663	4.7	5	8,561 60	63
110	15	....	183	36	.....	.....	31	449	10.5	4,847	5.3	5	5,204 75	1 07
773	751	....	848	1,103	16	20	870	3,178	5.7	58,243	4.7	5	45,544 55	78
465	16	111	290	45	.....	3	44	1,071	25.7	5,219	5.1	5	5,007 60	95
298	441	132	153	70	8	3	112	548	8.5	6,953	5.2	5	8,232 00	1 17
559	....	....	348	506	.....	.....	1,046	3,271	5.4	63,097	3.5	3	61,071 56	97
364	7	248	17	34	.....	.....	112	208	3.6	6,091	4.5	5	3,045 50	50
.....	.....	.....	248	117	.....	.....	116	325	4.7	7,251	5.5	5	8,511 00	1 17
193	29	....	204	18	2	.....	51	266	4.8	5,710	4.4	4	2,798 00	49
476	215	....	630	271	32	23	387	724	4	18,555	5	5	25,339 35	1 36
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32,384	.....	.....	.....	.....
52	10	25	45	13	.....	2	20	68	6.4	1,151	1.7	2	1,866 50	1 61
101	38	....	179	53	.....	5	204	305	3	11,288	10.5	11	5,643 00	50
417	122	....	443	158	2	7	256	698	4.8	15,001	4.9	5	11,200 38	74
425	96	....	271	159	4	1	91	905	12.7	7,961	4.3	4	14,846 75	1 86
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,712	.....	.....	.....	.....
347	104	....	485	156	3	7	315	858	4.4	20,571	3.6	4	13,255 50	65
47	7	35	71	17	.....	1	17	161	10.9	1,649	4.5	5	1,953 00	1 18
16,918	6826	2847	17,564	8,762	2,012	325	10,663	49,966	7.08	1,000,827	5.58	5.58	730,030 05	81
84	11	95	97	39	.....	.....	24	175	7.1	2,624	4.5	4	3,901 34	1 50
476	216	....	633	469	5	.....	393	1,744	5.7	32,708	4.5	4	14,858 75	45
211	22	64	132	648	3	.....	41	463	12.1	4,274	5	5	4,669 90	1 09
14	14	...	47	23	.....	.....	36	74	3.8	2,064	2	2	1,317 00	63
76	36	59	89	40	.....	.....	47	289	7.3	4,171	2.7	3	4,140 80	99
16	....	4	25	18	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	604	2	2	350 70	58
72	40	....	120	70	.....	.....	48	242	6	4,433	.....	.....	4,206 00	95
949	339	222	1,143	1,307	8	....	603	2,987	6.7	50,878	3.0	3.0	33,444 49	88

†Unaffiliated.





